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Russian troops advance further in eastern Ukraine's Donbas region. **News, Page 4**

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Abortion ruling might not affect state elections

With party lines clear on Roe v. Wade, many say economy will be biggest factor to voters in the fall

By **Christopher Keating**
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The leaked U.S. Supreme Court draft opinion that would overturn federal abortion protections has generated protests nationwide and energized advocates on both sides of the emotional issue more than at any time during the past five decades.

The possibility that the landmark Roe v.

Wade ruling could be overturned has already invigorated both parties as they gauge the potential impact on the fall elections in Connecticut races for U.S. senator, governor, all five U.S. House of Representatives seats, and all 187 seats in the state House of Representatives and Senate.

But in Connecticut, which has the country's strongest protections for abortion access, some believe the impact will be muted for many voters except for those

most passionate about the issue, leaving the election to be decided on matters such as the highest inflation rate in the past 40 years, record-high gasoline and diesel prices, the volatile stock market, and the overall economy in general.

The issue has been a red hot topic on both sides since the court leak three weeks ago, helping each side to raise campaign contributions.

"I think it's definitely going to impact

the election," said state Democratic Chairwoman Nancy DiNardo, agreeing that the draft has already been used to raise money. "I know women who might not be in favor of abortion [personally], but they believe women should have control over their bodies. It's not something that women are going to forget."

But House Republican leader Vincent

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A MEMORIAL DAY SALUTE IN VERNON



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Showing love for our country's fallen

Adelaide, 3, waves two flags and greets parade participants as Vernon celebrates Memorial Day with a parade and two ceremonies honoring the nation's veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice. The parade began at Northeast School, made a stop at Grove Street Cemetery, where flags were raised and wreaths laid, then continued to downtown Rockville's Central Park, where a second ceremony included music and speeches. **Story, Connecticut, Page 1**



President Joe Biden participates in a wreath-laying ceremony Monday at Arlington National Cemetery. **SAUL LOEB/GETTY-APF**

Biden hopeful on gun rules, expresses optimism for GOP

By **Will Weissert**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden said Monday that the "Second Amendment was never absolute" and that, after the Texas elementary school shooting, there may be some bipartisan support to tighten restrictions on the kind of

high-powered weapons used by the gunman.

"I think things have gotten so bad that everybody's getting more rational, at least that's my hope," Biden said before honoring the nation's fallen in Memorial Day remarks at Arlington National

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2019 Millstone deal looking better

As gas prices soar, nuclear plant costs are more competitive

By **Stephen Singer**
Hartford Courant

WATERFORD — The future of the Millstone nuclear power plant, once the focus of a political debate that included threats to shut it as cheap natural gas posed a competitive threat, may be a bit more certain even as gas prices soar.



The Millstone Power Station in Waterford looks more affordable as gas prices soar. **STEVE MILLER/AP**

It's an ironic twist as consumers and businesses struggle with the highest energy prices in decades. State Energy and Environmental

Commissioner Katie Dykes and Dominion Energy Inc., owner of the Millstone Power Station in Waterford, say a 2019 deal looks better now than at the time of the agreement.

The agreement between Connecticut and Dominion secured nuclear power at a set price, helped achieve greenhouse gas emissions goals and kept the plant open at least until the end of the decade.

Millstone was "challenged in

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Sandy Hook parents send love to Uvalde

Message to grieving Texans: 'We're here when you're ready'

By **Taylor Hartz**
Hartford Courant

In the first few days after her 7-year-old daughter Josephine "Joey" Gay was killed in the mass shooting at Sandy Hook

School, Michelle Gay heard a piece of advice that helped her get through the heartache: Keep talking to her daughter as if she were still there.

"Somebody said something to me in the immediate days after the tragedy that really helped me. She said: 'Keep talking to her. Go ahead and talk out loud to her,' " Gay said recently from her home in Delaware.

Gay said she thought it was odd

advice at first, but then she did it and a tiny sliver of the grief weighing her down felt lighter.

Talking to her daughter felt right at a time when everything felt wrong.

Though Gay knows everyone's grief is different, she said she wanted to share that advice as 21 families in Uvalde, Texas, are taking their first steps on a path

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Maryland wins title at Rentschler

Top-ranked Maryland defeats Cornell 9-7 to win the NCAA Division I men's lacrosse title Monday at Rentschler Field in East Hartford. **SPORTS, PAGE 1**

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a low-price environment,” and a stable price helped the Richmond, Virginia-based Dominion invest in the plant, said Kevin Hennessy, senior policy and media relations director at Dominion. He and Dykes say keeping Millstone operating helps assure the reliability of New England’s power grid. “The fundamentals of the deal at the time we signed the contract in 2019 have only become more important going forward,” Dykes said.

With a fixed price agreed to in the contract, consumers avoid commodity price swings, she said.

Hennessy said fluctuating prices that hurt consumers can bring benefits, such as making alternative or competing products cheaper. “Volatility goes both ways,” he said.

State officials say that had Millstone shut down, greenhouse gas emissions would have increased 25%, complicating efforts in Connecticut and New England to reach reduced emissions goals. Millstone accounts for 40% of Connecticut’s electricity and 90% of non-greenhouse gas emissions.

Opponents still say it was a bad deal. The Electric Power Supply Association, which represents companies in wholesale electricity markets, said at the time legislation enacted by the General Assembly to benefit Millstone would carve out a significant part of the market for one company “under different terms than anything we could hope for.”

Todd A. Snitchler, president of the industry group, said COVID-19 that reduced electricity demand as offices shut and Russia’s invasion of Ukraine upended energy markets in ways that could not have been contemplated when Connecticut and Millstone became partners.

“It’s very opportunistic to say what a great deal we struck,” he said in an interview.

Nuclear power plants that



U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm, left, and state Energy and Environmental Protection Commissioner Katie Dykes view the Millstone Power Station on May 20. **STEPHEN SINGER/HARTFORD COURANT**

complained their bottom line was hit hard by low natural gas prices “are doing very well as we see the rise in natural gas prices,” Snitchler said.

Nuclear power plants in the U.S. closed or, to remain open, received state subsidies because they could not compete with natural gas at a spot price in 2017 of about \$3.10 per thousand cubic feet. It’s projected to more than double this year, to \$7.70 per thousand cubic feet, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Michael Doyle, a senior analyst at Edward Jones, said higher natural gas prices are making nuclear power generators more competitive in the short to intermediate term. But it won’t last.

Futures markets are pointing to lower natural gas prices, zero-carbon energy such as wind and solar that now account for a small portion of energy generation continue to be built out and disposal of nuclear waste is unresolved, he said.

“They could be less competitive down the road,” Doyle said.

Millstone approached the legislature in 2017, asking to compete with other sources of energy, such as natural gas and hydropower purchased in power auctions. Dominion said it would be forced to shut the plant as others had in the U.S. Utilities and

power producers opposed state assistance, saying Dominion would gain a special advantage without being required to prove it needed help from Hartford.

The 2019 deal between Gov. Ned Lamont and Dominion, and approved by the state Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, requires Eversource Energy and United Illuminating to purchase about 50% of Millstone’s output for 10 years at a set price. State regulators and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection said Millstone was at risk of early retirement based on its financial statements and projected energy market revenue.

The spike in natural gas prices has forced other changes in energy policy in Connecticut: State utility regulators last month ended a nine-year state program expanding the use of natural gas as an alternative to home heating oil. The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority cited higher gas prices that erased cost advantages over oil heat and policies favoring natural gas that no longer advance the state’s climate and energy goals tied to offshore wind.

“Markets can knock out the best laid plains of politicians at times,” Doyle said.

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Cemetery.

His comments came a day after he traveled to the shattered Texas community of Uvalde, mourning privately for three-plus hours with anguished families grieving for the 19 children and two teachers who died in the shooting.

Faced with chants of “do something” as he departed a church service, Biden pledged: “We will.”

After the trip, Biden spent Sunday night at his home in Delaware. As he arrived at the White House for Memorial Day events, he was asked if he’s now more motivated to see new federal limits imposed on firearms.

“I’ve been pretty motivated all along,” he said. “I’m going to continue to push, and we’ll see how this goes.”

In Congress, a bipartisan group of senators talked over the weekend to see if they could reach even a modest compromise on gun legislation after a decade of mostly failed efforts. That included encouraging state red flag laws to keep guns away from those with mental health problems.

“The Second Amendment was never absolute,” Biden said. “You couldn’t buy a cannon when the Second Amendment was passed. You couldn’t go out and buy a lot of weapons.”

Later, the president and first lady Jill Biden were joined by Vice President Kamala Harris, second gentleman Doug Emhoff, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at Arlington for a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Standing at attention under a cloudless sky in the late-May heat, Biden saluted as taps played, after laying the wreath of multi-colored flowers wrapped in red, white and blue ribbon in front of the tomb.

Delivering remarks honoring fallen service-members, he said “Memorial Day is always a day where pain and pride are mixed together.”

“Today we are free because they were brave,” the president said.

But Biden said the nation’s experiment in democracy remains under threat, both abroad, in the form of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, and in division at home. He called upholding democracy “the mission of our time.”

“Our memorial to them must not be just a day when we pause and pray,” Biden said. “It must be a daily commitment to act, to come together, to be worthy of the price that was paid.”

In his earlier statements to reporters on guns, Biden said he’d not spoken to Republicans on the issue “but my guess is ... they’re going to have to take a hard look.”

There is nowhere near enough support from congressional Republicans for broader gun measures popular with the public — such as a new ban on assault-type weapons or universal background checks on gun purchases. Still, Democratic advocates hope meaningful measures could still pass.

Biden said he had taken some executive actions on guns, “but I can’t outlaw a weapon” and can’t “change the background checks.”

He said he didn’t know where congressional negotiations stand, but “there’s realization on the part of rational Republicans” that “we can’t keep repeating ourselves.”

Before returning to Washington, the president and first lady, whose veteran son Beau died of cancer caused by a brain tumor in 2015, attended church Monday morning and laid flowers at their son’s grave.

“Today’s the day our son died,” Biden said at Arlington, telling families that he knows remembrances like Monday’s can “reopen that black hole” of pain.

But he said because of

“The Second Amendment was never absolute. You couldn’t buy a cannon when the Second Amendment was passed. You couldn’t go out and buy a lot of weapons.”

— President Joe Biden

their commitment to the ideals of America, “A part of them is still with us no matter how long ago we lost them.”

The Bidens also hosted a breakfast in the White House’s East Room with about 130 members of veteran organizations, military family groups and senior Defense Department and other administration officials.

The president, the first lady and representatives from five Gold Star families who lost relatives in combat also planted a Southern magnolia tree on the White House South Lawn. The tree came from a sapling of a nearby magnolia planted by President Andrew Jackson in 1835. Biden and the first lady later held hands with those gathered in a circle around the tree and prayed silently.

Later on Monday, it was announced that Biden will meet Tuesday with Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell as soaring inflation takes a bite out of Americans’ pocketbooks.

The White House said the pair would discuss the state of the U.S. and global economy and especially inflation, described as Biden’s “top economic priority.”

Inflation in the U.S. hit a 40-year high earlier this year, amid supply chain constraints caused by the global economy’s recovery from the pandemic and Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

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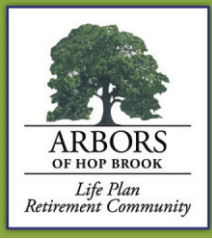
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Candelora of North Branford said that supporters and opponents of abortion will essentially cancel each other out at the ballot box — diluting the impact of the single issue.

“Democrats are looking for an issue because they’ve done a lousy job when it comes to the economy and helping the affordability for people in Connecticut,” Candelora said in an interview. “Maybe it will motivate some of the people, but the ones it motivates are already voting against Republicans, no matter what. ... This is not the issue that my constituents are talking about. I just don’t think it moves the needle for either side. It’s all political.”

DiNardo burst out laughing upon hearing that Democrats have done a bad job with the economy.

“I think that’s a typical Republican distraction,” DiNardo said.

Both sides point to the latest Quinnipiac University Poll, which showed various nuances in the complicated, emotional issue.

Overall, 70% of registered voters said that parents should be notified before a teenager under the age of 16 can receive an abortion. Currently, there is no parental notification law in Connecticut. Bob Stefanowski, the Republican candidate for governor, has been pushing hard on notification, except in the cases of rape or incest. Connecticut, he says, should follow 37 other states in requiring parental involvement before a minor can have an abortion.

At the same time, the poll showed that 66% of registered voters support a law that was signed recently by Gov. Ned Lamont that increases the number of medical professionals allowed to perform abortions and expands abortion-related protections regarding lawsuits. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.4 percentage points.

The survey also showed that the economy was named as the most important issue by 35% of those polled. Another 15% chose taxes, while 11% said abortion was the most important. The economy was chosen as the top issue by Democrats, Republicans and independents — with the highest total among Republicans at



In 2019, in response to an Alabama abortion bill, hundreds gathered on the north side of the Capitol in Hartford to support access to abortion. **COURANT FILE PHOTOS**

45%.

Former state Democratic chairman John F. Droney Jr., who has followed campaigns for decades, said that abortion generates headlines and protests but would not be the deciding factor in November.

“People who were going to vote on the Roe v. Wade issue were already voting Democratic, and the people who were against, who are Right to Life people, were already voting Republican,” Droney said in an interview. “It’s not going to change very much. The elections in the fall will be based upon the economy.”

The Connecticut legislature codified the Roe v. Wade ruling into state law three decades ago and recently passed another law prompted by abortion restrictions in states such as Texas.

“People who are very, very involved in those issues feel very strongly, but regardless of what the Supreme Court does, Connecticut has passed some laws and other states will pass laws that will make a federal Roe v. Wade rule or not meaningless,” Droney said. “Connecticut has already set that up, so it’s really not going to be a big issue in the campaign.”

The state House of Representatives passed the recent bill by 87-60 with 14 Democrats breaking with their party and voting with the majority of Republicans against the measure. In turn, only seven of the 54 Republicans voted in favor of the abortion bill. Those included Rep. Laura Devlin of Fairfield, who is running for lieutenant governor, and Nicole Klarides-Ditria, the sister of Themis Klarides, a Republican running for U.S. Senate.

The state Senate approved

the abortion bill by 25-9 with six Republicans and three Democrats voting against.

While the Supreme Court decision could be decided by 5-4, analysts cautioned that only a draft has been leaked and the justices could change their positions or write their own concurring and dissenting opinions. The final ruling is not expected until late June — likely setting off a new round of debate and controversy.

Governor’s race

For years, Lamont has campaigned as a strong proponent of abortion rights and a supporter of the Roe decision. When he released portions of his tax returns recently, he also released a list of charitable contributions that included Planned Parenthood of Southern New England.

Lamont gathered a group of the state’s top abortion rights supporters when he held a ceremonial bill-signing outside the Capitol in Hartford to mark the passage of the recent abortion bill.

Stefanowski has been more low-key on the issue, declining to answer directly when asked if, as governor, he would have signed the same abortion law that Lamont signed.

“Under no circumstances will I as governor attempt to change the existing law,” he said. “A woman’s right to choose has been, is, and will remain codified in Connecticut state law, including Connecticut’s ban on late-term abortions — except in the case where the mother’s health is at risk.”

When asked if he agreed with his running mate’s vote in favor of the new abortion law, Stefanowski responded, “She didn’t consult me. It’s

place to agree or disagree with her. She represents the district of Fairfield. ... You can keep asking me the question, but what I’m telling you is it’s law. I’m not going to change it. End of story.”

Outside Connecticut, the Democratic Governors Association and other groups are raising money nationwide from the expected abortion ruling, saying that rights could be curtailed.

“Frankly, that has us worried, especially with races in Georgia, Michigan, and Wisconsin neck and neck,” the DGA told supporters in a recent email. “We need grassroots donors like you to step up and help us elect Democratic governors across the country!”

“That means that winning governors’ races is even more important because soon, states will decide whether or not abortion access is legal. Republicans and their anti-abortion extremist allies know this, and they’re already pouring millions of dollars into governors’ races across the country. We have to fight back.”

Across the nation

Nationally, the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee — which seeks to increase the party’s narrow majority in the U.S. Senate — has been sending emails to supporters that focus directly on abortion.

“Democrats cannot stay silent as reproductive rights are hanging by a thread,” the DSCC said. “Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor is sounding the alarm, and we need YOU to stand with her and make your voice heard.”

A liberal group called Run for Something is host-

ing training for potential progressive legislators as they recruit candidates to run for office under the theme of Run for Roe.

“Now, more than ever, we need pro-choice leaders stepping up to run for local offices willing to do whatever they can to protect and expand reproductive rights,” the group said in an email. “We’re hosting a free event to answer all your questions and get you, yes, you, ready to Run for Roe.”

U.S. Senate race

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Democrat who is running for reelection this fall after a three-way Republican primary decides his opponent in August, has cited the impending Roe decision in a fundraising appeal to his supporters.

“I know you’re feeling angry, perhaps fearful,” Blumenthal wrote to supporters. “But we must harness all our emotions into protecting every pro-choice Democratic seat — so that supporters of reproductive freedom retain control of Congress and a nationwide abortion ban can never see the light of day. Please, if you’re with me, will you pitch in a donation of \$5 to defend my must-win Senate seat and ensure Mitch McConnell can’t take back Senate control?”

Among Blumenthal’s three opponents who are battling in the primary, former House Republican leader Themis Klarides of Madison supports abortion rights and the Roe decision. Greenwich fundraiser Leora Levy and Fairfield immigration lawyer Peter Lumaj both oppose abortion. Klarides captured the party convention’s endorsement with 59% of the vote,

while Levy and Lumaj won about 20% each.

Levy describes herself in campaign literature as “the only conservative, pro-life, pro-gun woman in this race.” Lumaj lists “pro-life” first among his values in a campaign flier, ahead of “Second Amendment, secure borders, fully funded police” and others.

Lumaj ranks among the most conservative candidates on the ballot this year and says he will stress his longtime positions.

“Look, claiming to be a conservative and being a conservative are two different things,” Lumaj said. “I’ve maintained that position for the past 10 years when I’ve been running various campaigns.”

A strong believer in the 10th Amendment, Lumaj says that all powers that are not specifically set aside for the federal government by the U.S. Constitution are reserved for the states.

“Let the states define what abortion is, what life is,” Lumaj said. “They are sending it back to the states because they believe it was decided on shaky grounds. We dealt with it for almost 50 years since 1973, and the Republicans and the conservatives put up with the court’s decision. Now, we have the same thing in reverse, in a 5-4 decision it looks, and it’s going to be the opposite of it.”

When the speeches are done and the television commercials are finished, Lumaj said the voters will have the final word in both the August primary and the November general election.

“Let the voters decide this,” Lumaj said.

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she knows well.

“It helps you remember that you’re still connected, you will always be connected,” she said. “You will always be that little girl’s mom, that little boy’s mom or dad. They will always be in your life.”

Gay said that when you experience the unique trauma of having a child die in a mass shooting, it’s a grief that’s hard to comprehend.

“Your brain can’t compute, your body can’t. It’s so jarring,” she said. “So to continue to just talk to her out loud felt good. It felt normal.”

The parents of the 26 Sandy Hook first-graders and educators who were killed nearly a decade ago have been reliving their own pain all week as they grappled with the news that it had happened again: that another young man, armed with another AR-15, had opened fire in another elementary school. Like Gay, others also are willing to share thoughts on the aftermath of such an immense tragedy.

‘Here when you’re ready’

Though they feel like their wounds have been reopened, they recognize that the re-traumatization they’re feeling is nothing like what the parents in Uvalde are feeling right now, said Nicole Hockley, whose 6-year-old son, Dylan Hockley, was killed in Sandy Hook.

“Tuesday was just beyond devastating for us but nowhere near as devastating as it was for the families who were still waiting to find out



Michele Gay, whose daughter Josephine was killed in the 2012 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, gave a talk in 2019 to the Anne Arundel school system in Maryland as part of a town hall on school safety. **PAUL W. GILLESPIE/CAPITAL GAZETTE**

if their children were alive or dead,” she said.

She knows it’s worse for those who are living it right now.

“We don’t want to insert ourselves into their grief,” said Hockley, who co-founded the national nonprofit Sandy Hook Promise with fellow Sandy Hook parent Mark Barden. They want the families grieving in Uvalde to know that if they need them, they’re there for them, to know that, unfortunately, many people in Connecticut have walked in their shoes.

“For any family member who’s listening: We’re here when you’re ready. All we want to do is be of service. This is your experience, and all we want to do is support you in whatever way that support looks like, and we will always be respectful in your journey,” she said.

She also wants them to know that as unfathomable as it is in this moment, they will survive it.

“You will find a way through this,” she said. “It does not seem possible right now, today, I’m sure. But you will find a way through it.”

Hockley said that although she wants to support families, being all too familiar with this particular pain, she also knows parents in Uvalde may not yet be in a place where they can even wrap their minds around any advice.

“I know that after [Dec. 14, 2012], I couldn’t do anything but focus on my little family. I had no idea what I needed, what I wanted,” she said. She couldn’t comprehend the scale of the tragedy she and 25 other families had fallen victim to, she said.

Mark Barden, whose son, Daniel Barden, was killed in Sandy Hook, wants people to remember that everyone grieves in their own way.

“Just take it minute-to-minute and do what works for you. Whether its speaking out or hunkering down with your family and not speaking to anybody, just do that at your own pace in whatever way works for you,” he said.

Accepting help not easy

Barden also encouraged

the grieving families to let people help them if it will lift the burden even a little bit.

“Let them do that. There’s no shame in saying thank you for bringing a meal, of course, thanks for the conversation, whatever it is,” he said.

“There’s nothing they can do to ease your pain and make this go away, but if you feel that there’s value in it let them help you.”

Gay also said she found it was important to be vulnerable and take help from others, even if it felt unfamiliar or uncomfortable. She and her husband were hesitant to let people help at first, she said.

They realized, though, that they needed to let people help because the magnitude of their pain made basic day-to-day tasks next to impossible.

“We learned really quickly that we really just couldn’t support each other. We couldn’t support our kids. We really couldn’t do basic things like remember meal times or grocery shop or do the laundry or things like that,” she said a few days after the Uvalde shooting.

How to help

For those looking to help families in Uvalde, Texas, the crowdfunding website GoFundMe has set up a hub linking all verified fundraisers for families of victims at **www.gofundme.com/c/act/donate-to-texas-elementary-school-shooting-relief**.

“We really did need people around us, and not so much just for the tasks. The tasks are important to your day-to-day survival, but just having people surround you who love you, who just kind of are quietly there. I think everybody knew instinctively that there was absolutely nothing they could say.”

It’s equally important to know when you’re ready to put your feet back on the ground, Gay said.

“I know I felt a tremendous obligation to accept everyone’s offer, generosity, casserole, but it’s OK to say, ‘No, I need a little space’ or ‘I’ve got this,’” she said.

In a close-knit community like Uvalde or Sandy Hook, said Gay, it’s important to recognize that everyone is affected by a shooting like this. Everyone is processing their own trauma and may not be able to show up for those who are grieving a child or a parent.

“Sometimes it’s not helpful when people who are coming to help you are not in a good place to do that,” she said.

Friends and family in Texas who are trying to help their loved ones should take their cue from the families, Gay said, and listen to what each of them needs.

“It’s a very, very small community so everybody there is terribly hurt, is terribly devastated. And they will all need different things, and we need to honor that, respect that and resist the temptation to lump every-

body together or make assumptions about what they might need or want so we can offer,” she said.

Hockley said that she wanted people who were collectively grieving all across the map to remember that whatever helps process and ease their pain in a healthful and safe way is OK.

“There’s no right or wrong way to respond to this, and there’s no right or wrong or time restraints in terms of what you do or how you respond or react, but allowing yourself to feel the feelings because that’s what we do as humans,” she said.

It’s important, she said, not to feel ashamed “in any way, shape or form.”

“If you need to cry, cry. If you need to walk away from a meeting, do that. If you need to go find your kid, do that. If you need to surround yourself with someone who is going to be there for you, even if it’s just a silent person, just knowing that there’s a presence there, then do that,” Hockley said.

Gay said that as they look down the road to recovery, the time to learn lessons and take those experiences and turn them into foresight and change will come, but she doesn’t think it’s here yet.

“Right now our focus just has to be, I think, the families and the communities and making sure that they have the support and resources that they need because it’s a long haul,” said Gay, who has been grappling with her own grief for 9 ½ years.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Battle for key eastern city grinds on

EU leaders agree to partial embargo on oil from Russia

By Yuras Karmanau and Elena Becatoros
Associated Press

KRAMATORSK, Ukraine — Russian troops pushed farther into a key eastern Ukrainian city and fought street by street with Kyiv’s forces Monday in a battle the mayor said has left the city in ruins and driven tens of thousands of people from their homes.

Military analysts painted the fight for Sievierodonetsk as part of a race against time for the Kremlin. The city is key to Russian efforts to complete the capture of the eastern industrial region of the Donbas quickly — before more Western arms arrive to bolster Ukraine’s defense.

Weapons from the West have helped Kyiv’s forces thwart a Russian advance on the capital early in the war. That failure forced Moscow to withdraw, regroup, and pursue the more limited objective of seizing the Donbas, where Moscow-backed separatists already held swaths of territory and have been fighting Ukrainian troops for eight years.

“The Kremlin has reckoned that it can’t afford to waste time and should use the last chance to extend the separatist-controlled territory because the arrival of Western weapons in Ukraine could make it impossible,” Ukrainian military analyst Oleh Zhdanov said.

But in a potential setback for Ukraine, President Joe



Ukrainian tanks roll into the Donetsk region of eastern Ukraine on Monday. FRANCISCO SECO/AP

Biden appeared to dismiss reports that the U.S. was considering sending long-range rocket systems to the country.

In addition to pleading for weapons from allies, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has also repeatedly insisted that European countries and others must punish Russia for its aggression, with sanctions and embargoes on Moscow’s lucrative energy sector. In a video address Monday to European Union leaders, Zelenskyy asked the 27 nations of the bloc to target Russian oil exports, so Moscow “feels the price for what it is doing against Ukraine.”

Later, a compromise to impose a partial oil embargo on Russia was announced. The embargo covers only Russian oil brought in by sea, allowing a temporary exemption for imports delivered by pipeline.

EU Council President Charles Michel said on Twitter the agreement covers more than two-thirds of oil imports from Russia, “cutting a huge source of financing for its war machine. Maximum pressure on Russia to end the war.”

Russia has sought to use its energy exports to its advantage, cutting off natural gas to a handful of European countries in what was

seen as an effort to punish and divide the West over its support for Ukraine. In its latest move, Russian state gas giant Gazprom said it will halt gas supplies to Dutch gas trader GasTerra starting Tuesday.

The Russian military’s focus on Sievierodonetsk has already left the city “completely ruined,” Mayor Oleksandr Striuk said. Artillery barrages have destroyed critical infrastructure and damaged 90% of the buildings, and power and communications have been largely cut to a city that was once home to 100,000 people.

“The number of victims is rising every hour, but we are unable to count the dead

and the wounded amid the street fighting,” Striuk told The Associated Press in a phone interview, adding that Moscow’s troops advanced a few more blocks toward the city center.

A 32-year-old French journalist, Frédéric Leclerc-Imhoff, died Monday near Sievierodonetsk when he was hit by shrapnel from shelling while covering Ukrainians evacuating the area, according to his employer, French broadcaster BFM TV.

Meanwhile, the Ukrainian military said Russian forces reinforced their positions on the northeastern and southeastern outskirts of Sievierodonetsk, about 90 miles

south of the Russian border, in an area that is the last pocket of Ukrainian government control in Luhansk.

Luhansk Gov. Serhiy Haidai said the Russians were also pushing toward nearby Lysychansk. In addition to the journalist, two civilians were killed in the latest Russian shelling, he said.

Three civilians were also killed Monday in the Donetsk region, which together with Luhansk makes up the Donbas, the governor said. Authorities in Kharkiv reported one dead in the latest shelling of Ukraine’s second-largest city.

The Russian advance in Sievierodonetsk and Lysychansk on either side of the strategically important Siverskiy Donetsk River is part of an all-out push, Zhdanov said.

The intensity of the latest fighting and the fact that Russia has poured troops in from their far east have come as a surprise to the Ukrainians, who are trying to hold out until more weapons can arrive, Zhdanov said.

On Monday, Biden said there are no plans for the U.S. to send long-range rocket systems to Ukraine, amid reports that the move is being considered.

Dmitry Medvedev, the deputy head of Russia’s Security Council, said that was a “reasonable” decision.

He said that “otherwise, if our cities come under attack, the Russian armed forces would fulfill their threat and strike the centers where such criminal decisions are made.”

Medvedev added “some of them aren’t in Kyiv.”

Uvalde funerals, burials to start, one after another

First 2 of 19 kids slain remembered with visitations

By Adriana Gomez Licon
Associated Press

UVALDE, Texas — It should have been the first day of a joyous week for Robb Elementary School students — the start of summer break. Instead on Monday, the first two of 19 children slain inside a classroom were being remembered at funeral visitations.

The gathering for 10-year-old Amerie Jo Garza was at Hillcrest Memorial Funeral Home in Uvalde, Texas, across from the grade school where the children, along with two teachers, were shot to death a week ago before the 18-year-old gunman himself was killed.

Visitation for another 10-year-old, Maite Rodriguez, was at the town’s other funeral home.

Over the next 2 ½ traumatic weeks, people in the southwestern Texas town will say goodbye to the children and their teachers, one heart-wrenching visitation, funeral and burial after another. As family and friends unleash their grief, investigators will push for answers about how police

responded to the shooting, and lawmakers have said they’ll consider what can be done to stem the gun violence permeating the nation.

This week alone, funerals are planned for 11 children and teacher Irma Garcia.

On Monday, some mourners at Amerie’s visitation wore lilac or lavender shades of purple — Amerie’s favorites — at the request of her father, Angel Garza. Many carried in flowers, including purple ones.

The little girl who loved to draw had just received a cellphone for her 10th birthday. One of her friends told Angel Garza that Amerie tried to use the phone to call police during the assault on her fourth grade classroom.

Among the mourners at Amerie’s visitation were some of Maite’s relatives. Like many people, they were attending both.

Maite’s family wore green tie-dye shirts with an illustration showing Maite with angel wings. Before going into the funeral home, they stopped at the ditch to see the metal gate gunman Salvador Ramos crashed a pickup truck into before crossing a field and entering the school.

“How did he walk for so long?” asked Juana Magana,

Maite’s aunt.

Hillcrest Memorial itself and the shooting will be forever linked. After Ramos wrecked the truck, two men at the funeral home heard the crash and ran toward the accident scene. Ramos shot at them. He missed and both men made it to safety.

Elihanna “Ellie” Garcia’s funeral will be Monday — the day after she was supposed to turn 10. Her family had been preparing a big birthday bash at her grandmother’s house this coming weekend. She had been hoping to receive gifts related to the Disney movie “Encanto.”

“She loved that movie and talked a lot about it,” said her aunt, Siria Arizmendi.

Ellie was quiet even around family but loved doing videos and had been already practicing with her older sister a choreography for her quinceanera party — the celebration of a girl’s 15th birthday — even though it was still five years away, Arizmendi said.

Ellie’s older sister is doing OK, Arizmendi said, understanding their family and others face a long road to recovery.

“It is just sad for all the children,” she said.

Funeral directors, embalmers and others from



People gather Monday at a memorial at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, to pay their respects to the victims killed in last week’s school shooting. JAE C. HONG/AP

across Texas arrived to help. Jimmy Lucas, president of the Texas Funeral Directors Association, brought a hearse and volunteered to work as a driver, pitch in for services or do whatever he could, he told NBC News.

Gov. Greg Abbott, speaking at a Memorial Day event over 400 miles away in Longview, urged Texans to keep Uvalde in their prayers.

“What happened in Uvalde was a horrific act of evil,” Abbot said. “And as Texans, we must come together and lift up Uvalde and support them in every

way that we possibly can. It is going to take time to heal the devastation that the families there have gone through and are going through. But be assured, we will not relent until Uvalde recovers.”

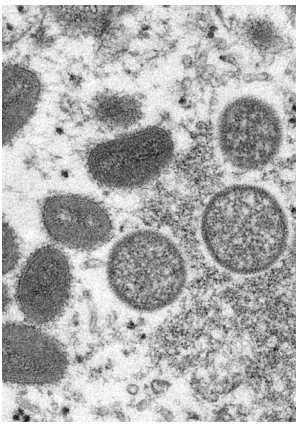
The Department of Justice announced Sunday a review of the law enforcement response. Police have come under heavy criticism for waiting more than 45 minutes to confront Ramos inside the adjoining classrooms where he unleashed carnage.

Officials revealed Friday

that students and teachers repeatedly begged 911 operators for help as a police commander told more than a dozen officers to wait in a hallway.

Officials said the commander believed the suspect was barricaded inside an adjoining classroom and that there was no longer an active attack.

The revelation raised new questions about whether lives were lost because officers did not act faster to stop the gunman, who was ultimately killed by Border Patrol tactical officers.



Mature, oval-shaped monkeypox virions, left, are shown with spherical immature virions. CDC 2003

WHO: Monkeypox not a pandemic, but unknowns exist

By Maria Cheng
Associated Press

LONDON — The World Health Organization’s top monkeypox expert said she doesn’t expect the hundreds of cases reported to date to turn into another pandemic, but acknowledged there are still many unknowns about the disease, including how exactly it’s spreading and whether the suspension of mass smallpox immunization decades ago may be speeding its transmission.

Dr. Rosamund Lewis said Monday that it was crucial to emphasize that the vast majority of cases being seen in dozens of countries globally are in gay, bisexual or men who have sex with men, so that scientists can further study the issue.

“At the moment, we are not concerned about a global pandemic,” Lewis said. “We are concerned that individuals may acquire this infection through high-risk exposure if they don’t have the information they need to

protect themselves.”

She warned that anyone is at potential risk for the disease, regardless of their sexual orientation.

Other experts have pointed out that it may be accidental that the disease was first picked up in gay and bisexual men, saying it could quickly spill over into other groups if it is not curbed.

Last week, WHO said 23 countries that haven’t previously had monkeypox have now reported more than

250 cases. On Monday, the U.K. announced another 71 monkeypox cases.

Lewis said it’s unknown whether monkeypox is being transmitted by sex or just the close contact in sexual activity and described the threat to the general population as “low.”

Monkeypox is known to spread when there is close physical contact with an infected person, their clothing or bedsheets.

She also warned that among the current cases,

there is a higher proportion of people with lesions that are more concentrated in the genital region and sometimes nearly impossible to see.

“You may have these lesions for two to four weeks (and) they may not be visible to others, but you may still be infectious,” she said.

Most monkeypox patients experience only fever, body aches, chills and fatigue. On Monday, authorities in Congo said nine people have died of monkeypox in 2022.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Scores dead, dozens missing after flooding in Brazil, officials say

From news services

Authorities in northeastern Brazil's Pernambuco state said Monday that 91 deaths have been confirmed from flooding over the weekend, with more two dozen people still missing. Hundreds of state and federal rescue workers were searching for 26 people currently unaccounted for, according to the official statement. Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro on Monday flew over the affected area of Pernambuco's capital, Recife, and neighboring Jaboatao dos Guararapes. Bolsonaro noted the country has recently experienced similar disasters in the mountains above Rio de Janeiro, in southern Bahia state and in Minas Gerais state. "Unfortunately, these catastrophes happen in a continent-sized country," he said. "We're all obviously sad. We express our sympathy to family members. Our bigger objective is to comfort families and also, with material means, attend to the population." Experts say climate change contributes to more intense rainfall, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has classified Recife's metropolitan region as one of the world's most vulnerable cities. The low-lying metro region is set at the delta of three rivers, features floodplains and a network of dozens of canals and is home to some 4 million people. In March, Recife became the first Latin American city to sign on for participation in a program that will create insurance against climate disasters created by a network of local and regional governments and financed by German development bank KfW.

The state's civil defense authority said in a statement that the flooding has displaced 5,000 people from their homes and has reinforced its alert about still-high risk of landslides. **Spring wildfires:** Crews were making progress in stopping the nation's largest active wildfire from spreading Monday, the fourth straight day of warnings of extreme fire conditions in northern New Mexico. The fire was surrounded by containment lines cut and scraped around half its perimeter, enclosing 493 square miles of forested mountains and foothills east of Santa Fe. Nearly 3,000 firefighters and other personnel were assigned to the blaze, the largest in New Mexico's recorded history. Red flag warnings were issued for Saturday through Monday because of high winds and low humidity, but crews backed by bulldozers and aircraft dropping water by midday Monday were able to jump on hot spots and allow only minimal growth, officials said. Forecasts call for improved weather conditions beginning Tuesday. Initial estimates say the fire has destroyed at least 330 homes, but state officials expect the number of homes and other structures that have burned to rise to more than 1,000 as more assessments are done. The fire started in early April from prescribed burns that either got out of control or smoldered for months before bursting into flames with drier and warmer weather. **1 billion meth pills:** The number of methamphetamine tablets seized in East and Southeast Asia exceeded a billion last year



A royal honor: Union flags hang as cavalry horses are walked Monday along Regent Street in London. For four days starting Thursday, Britain will celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years on the throne with pomp and pageantry that is scheduled to include an appearance by the 96-year-old monarch on the balcony of Buckingham Palace. **LEON NEAL/GETTY**

for the first time, highlighting the scale of illegal drug production and trafficking in the region and the challenges of fighting it, the U.N. said Monday. The 1,008 billion tablets — which would total about 91 tons — were part of a region-wide haul of almost 172 tons of methamphetamine in all forms, and was seven times higher than the amount seized 10 years earlier, the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime said in a report. The drugs are largely consumed in Southeast Asia but also exported to New Zealand and Australia, Hong Kong, Korea and Japan in East Asia, and increasingly to South Asia. **Nepal plane crash:** Rescuers searching a mountainside in Nepal on Monday recovered the bodies of 21 of the 22 people on board a plane that crashed a day earlier, officials said. The search is continuing for the remaining person, Kathmandu airport spokes-

man Tek Nath Sitaula said. Recovery efforts were delayed because some bodies were pinned under the plane's wreckage. Rescuers working with their bare hands had difficulty moving debris. The Tara Air turboprop Twin Otter lost contact with the airport tower Sunday while flying on a scheduled 20-minute flight in an area of deep river gorges and mountaintops. Four Indians and two Germans were on the plane, Tara Air said. The three crew members and other passengers were Nepali nationals, it said. **Mona Lisa protest:** A man disguised as an old woman in a wheelchair threw a piece of cake at the glass protecting the Mona Lisa at the Louvre Museum and shouted at people to think of planet Earth. The Paris prosecutor's office said Monday that the 36-year-old man was detained following Sunday's

incident and sent to a police psychiatric unit. An investigation has been opened into the damage of cultural artifacts. Videos posted on social media showed a young man in a wig and lipstick who had arrived in a wheelchair. The man, whose identity was unknown, was also seen throwing roses in the museum gallery to slack-jawed guests. The cake attack left a viscous, white smear on the glass but the famous 16th-century masterpiece by Leonardo da Vinci wasn't damaged. Security guards were filmed escorting the wig-wearing man away as he called out to the surprised visitors in the gallery: "Think of the Earth! There are people who are destroying the Earth! Think about it. Artists tell you: think of the Earth. That's why I did this." **Indonesian rescue:** Ten more survivors of an Indo-

nesian boat that sank last week were rescued Monday by local fishermen, leaving 11 people still missing, an official said. The captain and other crew of the cargo vessel, which was carrying 42 people, were among those rescued Monday, said Djunaide, head of the provincial search and rescue agency. "They are safe and in good condition," said Djunaide, who like many Indonesians uses only one name. The KM Ladang Pertiwi 02 sank in bad weather in the Makassar Strait on Friday afternoon. It had left Makassar on Thursday and was headed to an island in South Sulawesi province. The cause of the sinking was still being investigated. The vessel was described as a passenger ferry, but Djunaide clarified it was a cargo boat carrying construction materials. Thirty-six passengers had asked for a ride on the boat with its six crew members.

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Post-Roe hurdles higher for some?

Distance may keep those in territories from abortions

By Audrey McAvoy
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Women from the remote U.S. territories of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands will likely have to travel farther than other Americans to terminate a pregnancy if the Supreme Court overturns a precedent that established a national right to abortion in the United States.

Hawaii is the closest U.S. state where abortion is legal under local law. Even so, Honolulu is nearly 4,000 miles away.

“For a lot of people who are seeking abortion care, it might as well be on the moon,” said Vanessa Williams, an attorney who is active with the group Guam People for Choice.

It’s already difficult to get an abortion in Guam, a small, heavily Catholic island of about 170,000 people south of Japan.

The last physician who performed surgical abortions there retired in 2018. Two Guam-licensed doctors who live in Hawaii see patients virtually and mail them pills for medication abortions. But this alternative is available only until 11 weeks gestation.

Now there’s a possibility even this limited telehealth option will disappear.

A recently leaked draft opinion indicated the Supreme Court could overturn the landmark Roe v. Wade decision and allow individual states to ban abortion. About half of them would likely do so, abortion rights advocates say.

Oklahoma got a head start last week when Gov. Kevin Stitt signed a measure prohibiting all abortions with few exceptions.

All three U.S. territories in the Pacific — Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa — also



Members of the Catholic Pro-Life Committee protest outside in front of the Guam Congress Building in the capital city of Hagatna. THE PACIFIC DAILY 2021

have the potential to adopt prohibitions, according to a 2019 report by the Center for Reproductive Rights. None have legal protections for abortion, and they could revive old abortion bans or enact new ones, the report said.

Traveling to the nearest states where abortion is allowed — Hawaii or the U.S. West Coast — would be prohibitive for many women.

A nonstop flight from Guam to Honolulu takes nearly eight hours. Only one commercial airline flies the route. A recent online search also showed the cheapest tickets going for \$1,500 round trip in late May.

Williams said many Guam residents need time off work, a hotel room and a rental car to travel for an abortion, adding more costs.

Hawaii legalized abor-

tion in 1970, three years before Roe. The state today allows abortion until a fetus would be viable outside the womb. After that, it’s legal if a patient’s life or health is in danger.

Flying to a country in Asia that allows abortion would be quicker, but several reproductive rights advocates on Guam said they hadn’t heard of anyone doing that.

For one, it would require a passport, which many don’t have, said Kiana Yabut of the group Famalao’an Rights.

Without Roe, Guam could revert to an abortion ban dating to 1990. The San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the law unconstitutional in 1992, but it has never been repealed.

James Canto, Guam’s deputy attorney general, agreed under questioning by a senator from the terri-

tory this month that existing abortion laws in various states and territories would “be the law of the land” if Roe was overturned.

But Alexa Kolbi-Molinas, deputy director of the reproductive freedom project at the American Civil Liberties Union, said the 9th Circuit permanently enjoined the 1990 law, meaning Guam’s attorney general would have to ask the local U.S. District Court to lift an injunction to begin enforcing it.

The 32-year-old statute made it a felony for a doctor to perform the procedure except to save a woman’s life or prevent grave danger to her health, as certified by two independent physicians, or to end an ectopic pregnancy, which is a dangerous abnormal pregnancy that develops outside the uterus.

It made it a misdemeanor for a woman to have an abor-

tion, or for anyone to ask or advise her to have one.

The 21-member unicameral Legislature unanimously approved the ban after then-Archbishop Anthony Apuron threatened in a TV interview to excommunicate any Catholic senator who voted against it.

All but one of them was Catholic, but most senators said they were unaware of the threat.

Guam’s Legislature has been considering additional measures to restrict abortion.

This month it held hearings on a bill modeled after a new Texas law that bans abortion once cardiac activity is detected, usually around six weeks. The Texas law, which has withstood legal challenges so far, leaves enforcement up to private citizens through lawsuits instead of criminal

prosecutions.

Peter Srgo, a Guam attorney who drafted the measure, said enacting it would remove speculation about whether Guam would prohibit abortions if Roe is overturned.

“So take your pick. What do you want? Because for me, either way, I win. Either way, the people win. Either way, the pro-life movement is going to have a major victory no matter what,” he said.

Jayne Flores, director of the Bureau of Women’s Affairs, a Guam government agency, believes residents would still have access to medication abortions from off-island if Roe is overturned. But she wonders whether the Legislature might outlaw that too.

“At what point do you start looking in people’s mail?” she said.

GOP effort attacking firms on climate action

By David Gelles
and Hiroko Tabuchi
The New York Times

In West Virginia, the state treasurer has pulled money from BlackRock, the world’s largest asset manager, because the Wall Street firm has flagged climate change as an economic risk.

In Texas, a new law bars the state’s retirement and investment funds from doing business with companies the state comptroller says are boycotting fossil fuels. Conservative lawmakers in 15 other states are promoting similar legislation.

Officials in Utah and Idaho have assailed a major ratings agency for considering environmental risks and other factors, in addition to the balance sheet, when assessing states’ creditworthiness.

Across the country, Republican lawmakers and their allies have launched a campaign to try to rein in what they see as activist companies trying to reduce the greenhouse gases that are dangerously heating the planet.

“Energy accounts for hundreds of millions of dollars of tax revenue for us,” said Riley Moore, the West Virginia state treasurer. “All of our jobs come from coal and gas. ... This is part of our way of life here in the state. And they’re telling us that these industries are bad.”

“We have an existential threat here,” Moore said. “We have to fight back.”

In doing so, Moore and others have pushed climate change into the political battles over topics like voting rights, abortion and LGBTQ issues. In recent months, conservatives have used legislative and financial leverage to press the private sector to drop climate action and any other causes they label “woke.”

“There is a coordinated effort to chill corporate engagement on these



New York-based BlackRock is the world’s largest asset manager. HIROKO MASUIKE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

issues,” said Daniella Ballou-Aares, CEO of the Leadership Now Project, a nonprofit organization that wants corporations to address threats to democracy. “And it is an effective campaign. Companies are starting to go into hiding.”

The pushback has been spearheaded by a group of Republican state officials that has reached out to financial organizations, facilitated media appearances and threatened to punish companies that, among other things, divest from fossil fuels.

They have worked alongside a nonprofit organization that has run television ads, dispatched roaming billboard trucks and rented out a Times Square billboard criticizing BlackRock for championing what they call woke causes, including environmentalism.

These efforts come after years during which many in the financial sector boasted that they were prioritizing environmental, social and governance issues, also

known as ESG, rather than profits. That activism has often put companies at odds with the Republican Party, traditionally the ally of big business.

As the signs of a warming planet have grown more apparent over the past five years and as pressure has grown from consumers and liberal groups to take action, corporations have warmed to the notion of using capital and markets to create a cleaner economy. Faith-based groups, universities and foundations have divested from oil, gas and coal. New York state’s pension fund plans to start shedding its fossil fuels holdings, and Maine became the first state last year to require its Treasury and its public employee pension fund to divest from fossil fuels.

When President Donald Trump declared in 2017 that he would pull the United States from the Paris climate accord, more than 2,000 businesses and investors — including Apple, Amazon

and Mars — signed a pledge to continue to work toward climate goals.

Then, in 2019, a group of senior business leaders promised to redefine “the purpose of a corporation” and prioritize the environment, workers and communities.

And a record number of banks, investors and companies at the United Nations climate talks in Glasgow, Scotland, last year committed to reaching net-zero — the point where their activities no longer add greenhouse gases to the atmosphere — by 2050.

Larry Fink, CEO of BlackRock, has been among the most outspoken executives, using his annual letter to corporate leaders to implore them to look beyond the bottom line and make a positive contribution to society.

In his most recent letter, issued in January, Fink made the case for what he calls “stakeholder capitalism,” saying there is a sound business rationale for taking

up the fight against climate change and imploring other companies to act.

“Every company and every industry will be transformed by the transition to a net-zero world,” Fink wrote. “The question is, will you lead, or will you be led?”

Republican lawmakers, however, are becoming more organized in their efforts to slow corporate progress on climate issues.

Moore, the West Virginia state treasurer, coordinated a letter in November from 16 state treasurers and comptrollers to banks across the country, threatening “collective action in response to the ongoing and growing economic boycott of traditional energy production industries by U.S. financial institutions.”

In January, Moore pulled about \$20 million out of a fund managed by BlackRock because the firm has encouraged other companies to reduce emissions. BlackRock still manages several billion for West Virginia’s state retirement

system. “We’re divesting from BlackRock because they’re divesting from us,” Moore said.

In private, elected officials in conservative states have been even more blunt.

“These big banks are virtue-signaling because they are woke,” Gary Howell, a West Virginia state representative who sponsored a bill that would blacklist companies that have divested from fossil fuels, wrote in a Feb. 8 email to Moore. The message was obtained by Documented, a corporate watchdog group, under a Freedom of Information Act request. “They either shut up or get on the list, that is my goal,” he wrote.

Howell did not respond to a request for comment.

BlackRock’s Fink has emerged as a main target of conservatives. In June, BlackRock joined with Vanguard and State Street to help an activist hedge fund win three seats on Exxon’s board with the goal of pushing the energy giant to reduce its carbon footprint.

Months later, a nonprofit group called Consumers’ Research received an influx of funding from undisclosed donors and began running ads attacking Fink.

Will Hild, executive director of Consumers’ Research, told the Conservative Political Action Conference, in February that Fink and BlackRock had “helped vote on three radical environmentalists to the board of directors of Exxon whose stated goal is to get that company not focused on serving American consumers affordable gas but on Larry Fink’s personal politics.”

People familiar with BlackRock said the pressure was not changing the firm’s investment strategy. But the company has scrambled to limit the fallout in states like Texas, stressing that it is following the wishes of its clients and investing broadly.

WORLD & NATION



Ruins remain of a tower under construction at the Metropol Building in Abadan, Iran. At least 32 people were killed in last week's collapse. **IRANIAN SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE**

Protesters shout down cleric over tower collapse in Iran

By Jon Gambrell and Isabel Debre Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Protesters angry over a building collapse in southwestern Iran that killed at least 32 people shouted down an emissary sent by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, sparking a crackdown that saw riot police club demonstrators and fire tear gas, according to online videos analyzed Monday.

The demonstration directly challenged the Iranian government's response to the disaster a week ago as pressure rises in the Islamic Republic over rising food prices and other economic woes amid the unraveling of its nuclear deal with world powers.

While the protests still appear to be leaderless, even Arab tribes in the region seemed to join them Sunday, raising the risk of the unrest intensifying. Tensions between Tehran and the West have spiked after Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard on Friday seized two Greek oil tankers at sea.

Ayatollah Mohsen

Heidari AleKasir tried to address upset mourners near the site of the 10-story Metropol Building but hundreds gathered Sunday night instead booed and shouted.

Surrounded by bodyguards, the ayatollah, who is in his 60s, tried to continue but couldn't.

"What's happening?" the cleric stage-whispered to a bodyguard, who then leaned in to tell him something.

The cleric tried again to address the crowd: "My dears, please keep calm, as a sign of respect to Abadan, its martyrs and the dear (victims) the whole Iranian nation is mourning tonight."

The crowd responded by shouting: "Shameless!"

A live broadcast on state television of the event then cut out. Demonstrators later chanted: "I will kill; I will kill the one who killed my brother!"

The Tehran-based daily newspaper Hamshahri and the semiofficial Fars news agency said the protesters attacked the platform where state TV had set up its camera, cutting off its broadcast.

Police ordered the crowd

not to chant slogans against the Islamic Republic and then ordered them to leave, calling their rally illegal. Video later showed officers confronting and clubbing demonstrators as clouds of tear gas rose. At least one officer fired what appeared to be a shotgun, though it wasn't clear if it was live fire or so-called beanbag rounds designed to stun.

It wasn't clear if anyone was injured or if police made any arrests.

The details in the videos corresponded to known features of Abadan, located some 410 miles southwest of the capital, Tehran. Foreign-based Farsi-language television channels described tear gas and other shots being fired.

Independent newsgathering remains extremely difficult in Iran. During unrest, Iran has disrupted internet and telephone communications to affected areas, while also limiting the movement of journalists inside of the country. Reporters Without Borders describes the Islamic Republic as the third-worst country in the world to be a journalist — behind only North Korea and Eritrea.

Israeli PM defends march marked by violence, racism

By Joseph Krauss Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett on Monday defended the decision to hold an annual march that celebrates Israel's takeover of east Jerusalem and was marked by violence and anti-Palestinian racism.

Authorities called up thousands of police, forcibly cleared out Palestinians and risked another war with the Islamic militant group Hamas to ensure that tens of thousands of mostly right-wing Israelis could parade through a dense Palestinian neighborhood and hundreds could visit a holy site that has long been bitterly contested.

Israel had changed the route at the last minute during last year's march, at a time of soaring tensions over violence at the holy site and attempts by settlers to remove dozens of Palestinian families from their homes in east Jerusalem.

Hamas still fired rockets, and an 11-day conflict ensued.

This year, Israel allowed the parade to take its traditional route through the heart of the Muslim Quarter of the Old City.

But the march saw Israeli nationalists chant racist slogans, including "Death to Arabs," and attack Palestinians and journalists. Fights broke out along the route, as police mainly intervened to protect Jews and forcibly disperse Palestinians.

The Palestinian Red Crescent rescue service said 62 Palestinians were wounded, including 23 who needed hospitalization.

Meanwhile, Israeli police said they arrested more than 60 suspects and that five of its own officers were wounded.

The vast majority of those arrested appear to have been Palestinians, though police refused to



Two people clash on Sunday in Jerusalem's Old City during the annual Jerusalem Day march that was marked by violence and anti-Palestinian racism. **MAHMOUD ILLEAN/AP**

provide a breakdown.

Bennett praised the police's handling of the event and said Israel was obliged to hold the march in the face of threats by Hamas.

"If we hadn't done it along the regular route, we would — in effect — never go back to it," he said. "This could have been a retreat on sovereignty."

Bennett praised the marchers, saying that "except for an extremist group, whom we will deal with to the fullest extent of the law, those who celebrated yesterday did so in a very special, heart-lifting way."

Defense Minister Benny Gantz said Israel would consider designating two far-right groups, La Familia and Lehava, as terrorist organizations.

La Familia is a notoriously racist fan club associated with one of Israel's most popular soccer teams.

Lehava is linked to the late Rabbi Meir Kahane, who preached a violent, anti-Arab ideology.

But right-wing views are far more widespread in Israeli society. A strong majority of seats in Israel's Knesset, or parliament, are held by right-wing parties that support Jewish settle-

ment in the occupied territories and are opposed to Palestinian statehood, including one led by a disciple of Kahane.

Right-wing factions are split over whether former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu should return to office, and some — including Bennett's Yamina — partnered with centrist and left-wing parties last year to form a governing coalition and avoid yet another round of elections.

However, the nationalist parties in the coalition have gotten their way when it comes to settlement expansion, acceptance of settler outposts and barring Israelis from extending citizenship or even residency to Palestinian spouses.

Bennett himself is opposed to Palestinian statehood, but his government has approved some steps to improve economic conditions for Palestinians.

Israel captured east Jerusalem, including the Old City with its holy sites sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims, in the 1967 war, and annexed it in a move not recognized internationally.

The Palestinians want east Jerusalem to be the capital of their future state.

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Suit accuses automakers, parts maker over air bags

Plaintiffs: No disclosure of defective inflators provided when vehicles were bought

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

DETROIT — A class-action lawsuit is accusing three automakers and a parts manufacturer of knowingly selling vehicles containing air bag inflators that are at risk of exploding. Two deaths and at least four injuries have been linked to such explosions.

The federal lawsuit, filed last week in San Francisco, names ARC Automotive Inc. of Knoxville, Tennessee, which made the inflators and sold them to air bag manufacturers. The air bag makers, in turn, sold them to General Motors, Ford and Volkswagen, which are named in the lawsuit too.

The five plaintiffs are the owners of vehicles with ARC inflators who contend the defective air bag parts were not disclosed when they made their purchases.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which has been investigating ARC inflators for nearly seven years without a resolution, estimates that there are 51 million on U.S. roads. That's some-

where between 10% and 20% of all passenger vehicles.

Yet most drivers have no conclusive way to determine whether their vehicle contains an ARC inflator. Even if they were to tear apart the steering wheel assembly, the internal parts might bear the markings only of the automaker or the air bag manufacturer, not the inflator maker.

One of the deaths was that of a mother of 10 who was killed in what appeared to be an otherwise minor crash in Michigan's Upper Peninsula last summer. Police reports show that a metal inflator fragment hit her neck in a crash involving a 2015 Chevrolet Traverse SUV.

In a statement last week, GM said it hadn't had a chance to review the lawsuit. It said it is dedicated to the safety of its products and customers and is cooperating with NHTSA in its investigation.

Messages were left seeking comment from ARC and Ford. Volkswagen declined comment.

The plaintiffs allege that ARC's inflators use ammonium nitrate as a second-

ary propellant to inflate the air bags. The propellant is pressed into tablets that can expand and develop microscopic holes if exposed to moisture. Degraded tablets have a larger surface area, causing them to burn too fast and ignite too big of an explosion, according to the lawsuit.

The explosion can blow apart a metal canister housing the chemical, sending metal shards into the cabin.

The plaintiffs allege that ARC inflators have blown apart seven times on U.S. roads and two other times in testing by ARC. There have so far been five limited recalls of the inflators that totaled about 5,000 vehicles, including three recalls by GM.

Auto safety advocates say the case seems to mirror the Takata air bag saga that began in the early 2000s, which also involved exploding air bag inflators and resulted in 28 deaths worldwide, hundreds of injuries and the largest automotive recall in U.S. history. So far NHTSA has gathered information but hasn't forced any wider recalls from its investigation that began in July 2015.

Dems urge Google to not collect locale info

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

More than 40 Democratic members of Congress are asking Google to stop what they see as the unnecessary collection and retention of people's location data, arguing the information could be used to identify women seeking abortions.

In a letter sent this month to Sundar Pichai, the CEO of Google parent Alphabet Inc., the lawmakers express concern that if abortion were to become illegal in the U.S., the company's "current practice of collecting and retaining extensive records of cell phone location data will allow it to become a tool for far-right extremists looking to crack down on people seeking reproductive health care."

If the Supreme Court upends the 1973 decision that legalized abortion — as a draft opinion suggests it may in the coming weeks — pregnancies could be surveilled and the data shared with police or sold to vigilantes, privacy experts fear.

Google, specifically, stores "historical location information about hundreds of millions of smartphone users," the letter notes, "which it routinely shares with government agencies."

Representatives for Alphabet did not immediately respond to a message for comment. Meta Platforms, which owns Facebook, has reportedly reminded employees that they are prohibited from discussing abortion in workplace communication channels. Meta did not respond to a request for comment.

Law enforcement officials routinely obtain court orders forcing Google to turn over its customers' location information, the letter notes, including requests for Google to provide data about everyone who was near a specific location at a specific time.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Inflation rate at 7.9% in Germany

BERLIN — Germany's annual inflation rate rose to 7.9% in May, its highest level in nearly 50 years, according to an official estimate released Monday.

The Federal Statistical Office said year-on-year inflation jumped from 7.4% in April, with energy prices 38.3% higher than in May last year and food prices up 11.1%.

Germany has the biggest economy in Europe.

It is the country's highest inflation rate since the winter of 1973-74, when an oil crisis also fueled higher prices.

Inflation in Germany was 5.1% in February and leapt above 7% in March following Russia's invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24.

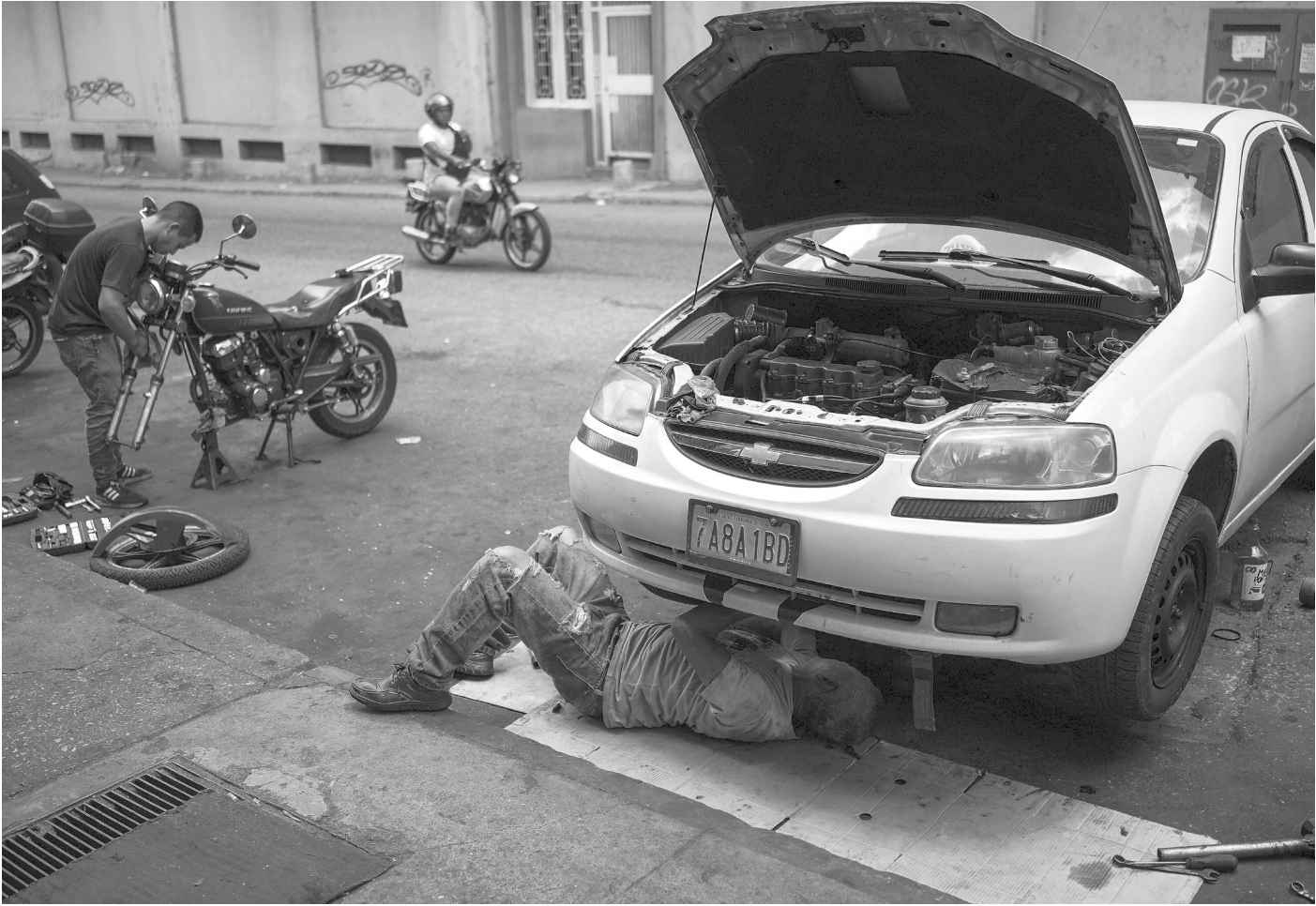
In month-on-month terms, the statistics office said prices were up 0.9% in May.

Disgraced auto tycoon queried

BEIRUT — A judge on Monday questioned disgraced auto tycoon Carlos Ghosn in Beirut, days after Lebanon received a wanted notice for him from Interpol, judicial officials said.

Lebanon received the notice 10 days ago, after the French prosecutor's office in the Paris suburb of Nanterre said last month that it issued an international arrest warrant for the former head of Nissan and Renault and four other people based on an investigation opened in 2019 into money laundering and abuse of company assets.

Ghosn was questioned over money laundering and benefiting from deals for Nissan and Renault and was allowed to leave after the questioning, said the judicial officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.



Carlos Valero repairs his car's exhaust system last month in the San Agustin neighborhood of Caracas, Venezuela. **MATIAS DELACROIX/AP**

Old cars rule Venezuela roads

Financial calamity strangled country's auto industry; now people cling to aging vehicles

By Regina Garcia Cano
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — A 1983 Chevrolet C-10 pickup is the workhorse of Argenis Ron's party equipment rental business. He uses it to haul chairs, tents and tables to gatherings all across Venezuela's sprawling capital.

The once-white paint is slightly yellowish and the body shows a bit of rust, a few dings. The odometer was already broken when he bought it 12 years ago.

And with business picking up as the pandemic seems to slow, he's putting in more miles — and making more trips to mechanics, including a recent visit to investigate a snoring-like noise from the left rear wheel.

"When the mechanics ask for parts — the truck asks you — you have to buy them," Ron said. "One cannot refuse because the truck is a resource to make money."

He's philosophical about the need to keep repairing his vintage truck: "It's not

like the current cars that have a computer and have a lot of things at the system level. I say that (old trucks) are trustworthy and more reliable because they use nothing but gasoline and water."

People like Ron are keeping Caracas' street-corner mechanics increasingly busy these days as they try to coax a little more life out of aging vehicles in a country whose new car market collapsed and where few can afford to trade up for a better used one.

Venezuela's vehicle industry produced only eight trucks last year — and not a single car — according to the Chamber of Venezuelan Manufacturers of Automotive Products. At this century's peak, in 2006-2007, some 172,000 vehicles rolled out of plants operated by Ford, General Motors, Toyota, Mitsubishi, Chrysler and others.

Imports haven't filled the gap. In 2021, only 1,886 new light vehicles were sold in Venezuela, according to estimates from LMC Automotive, an auto industry consulting firm. That was about double the number in 2020, but less than 1% of what was sold in 2007, when new light-vehicle sales peaked at 437,675.

Venezuela lifted a ban on importing used cars in 2019. But years of hyperinflation obliterated much of the middle class that

once dreamed at least of a used car, leaving average monthly salaries at less than \$100. That inflation, combined with government controls meant to stifle it, also meant banks were unwilling or unable to make car loans. So people cling to what they have.

As a result, Venezuela's roads are full of high-mileage, money-sucking vehicles, many predating the socialist transformation ushered in by the late President Hugo Chavez at the turn of the century.

A complex social, economic and humanitarian crisis began in the mid-2010s, aggravated by falling oil prices, U.S. economic sanctions and — critics allege — flamboyant mismanagement of the economy.

In 2020, about 9 in 10 families once ranked as middle class had fallen into the ranks of the poor, according to the Inter-American Development Bank. By one measure, the monthly income of those households fell from the equivalent of \$830 a month in 2012 to \$195 in 2020.

Many of the spacious dealerships that once catered to them still bear their logos, but now sit empty or house other businesses. Those open in the capital tend to target the upper class. A Ferrari dealership has three red cars on the floor, each costing more than \$400,000.

Study: Sharp rise in pesticides in EU produce

By Samuel Petrequin
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The contamination of fruits and vegetables produced in the European Union by the most toxic pesticides has substantially increased over the past decade, according to new research.

The study published last week by the Pesticide Action Network Europe group said European citizens have been exposed to a "dramatic rise" in both the frequency and intensity of residues of pesticides.

The EU has strict rules concerning pesticides. As part of its goal to cut greenhouse gas emissions to zero by mid-century, the 27-nation bloc wants to halve the use of pesticides by 2030.

Contrary to data from the EU's executive branch showing a 12% reduction of the more dangerous pesticides in 2019 compared to the 2015-2017 period, the "Forbidden Fruit" report claims their use actually increased by 8.8%.

A European Commission official challenged the report's conclusions, saying that since analytical methods have improved, many of the substances reported as most frequently found were not detectable back in 2011.

"This can lead to an apparent increase in the total number of findings which does not reflect, however, an increase in the actual quantity of pesticide residues in food, nor an increase in overall pesticide use," the official said.

The most dangerous pesticides belong to the so-called group of Candidates for Substitution that the commission has flagged to member countries as problematic and should be replaced with less toxic substances. Some of them have been linked to the risk of developing cancers, heart problems and other serious illnesses.

"The use of the most dangerous pesticides in Europe is in fact rising, not falling. Laws are being ignored and consumers are being exposed to a rising tide of chemical exposure," researchers said.

In total, 97,170 fruit samples were analyzed for 2011-2019. Starting with a contamination rate of 18% in 2011, this increased to 29% in 2019, with an average 53% rise in contamination in nine years.

Serbians strike Russian gas deal

BELGRADE, Serbia — Serbia's president announced an "extremely favorable" natural gas deal with Russia during a telephone conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic has refused to condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and his country has not joined Western sanctions against Moscow. Vucic claims he wants to take Serbia into the European Union but has spent recent years cementing ties with Russia.

The deal announced Sunday is likely to be signed during a visit by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov to Belgrade in early June.

BUSINESS

‘Twitter philanthropy’ a ‘hand-up’

But some say calls for help also reveal holes in safety net

By R.J. Rico
Associated Press

Single father Billy Price was already struggling to make ends meet before someone broke into his Michigan storage unit, stole his identity and ruined his credit.

Price filed a police report, and then tweeted about it to Bill Pulte, a multimillionaire who he'd heard uses Twitter to give money to those in need.

"They took nearly everything, including everything that my grandpa gave me before he passed," Price tweeted last month, only to be met with silence. "On top of that we're about to be homeless, it's like the weight of the world. Please help us."

Price, 35, recently moved from Illinois to Michigan to maintain joint custody of his 5-year-old son Maddox. Price is living at an extended stay Kalamazoo hotel while he searches for a place to live, but he's worried that between his bad credit, his dwindling savings and his lack of employment he won't qualify for anywhere that isn't a "slum."

"I really don't want that for my son," said Price, who lost his landscaping job during the pandemic and has relied on odd construction jobs and day-trading cryptocurrency to make money over the past year.

Practically every minute of every hour, someone sends a tweet to Pulte, a 33-year-old private-equity investor and heir to the mammoth PulteGroup homebuilding company.

A grieving mother needs \$800 to retrieve her young daughter's ashes. A Texas man needs help paying off more than \$60,000 in credit card debt. A family of four is about to lose its house.



Callie Coppage, of Portland, Ore., sits with her sons — Anthony, 3, and Royal, 11 months — on May 13 near the Willamette River. Coppage received \$7,000 from a multimillionaire after tweeting a photo of herself and her infant son. **GILLIAN FLACCUS/AP**

People send photos of their eviction notices, tearful videos of their empty refrigerators, screenshots of the paltry sums they have in their bank accounts.

And, nearly every day, Pulte responds. He gave \$500 to a man who sent a video of his missing teeth. He gave \$125 for a woman to pay for gas so she could make the long drive to her brother's funeral.

It's all part of what Pulte calls "Twitter philanthropy" — a concept of direct giving in which Pulte and others offer immediate financial support to a tiny percentage of the thousands who reach out every day over social media.

"I call them hand-ups, not handouts," said Pulte, who has grand visions of disrupting the traditional philanthropy model by using social media to help form an online army of donors to help people in crisis.

For Timi Gerson, vice president and chief content officer at the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, Pulte's generosity is laudable, but

she said it's turned into a "grotesque Hunger Games" in which desperate people compete to get noticed while struggling to survive in a "broken system" that has "deeply unequal access to health care and housing and services."

Online direct giving is nothing new — for years, people have used sites like GoFundMe to get money for medical expenses, funeral costs and other unforeseen bills.

But Pulte's approach is nearly instantaneous. Within seconds, on a whim, he can send a follower life-changing money: his largest single donation so far is \$50,000, according to his records of the more than \$1.2 million he has spread among more than 2,200 followers over the past three years. In that time, his follower count has skyrocketed from around 35,000 to 3.2 million.

Gerson appreciates the "immediacy and the transparency" of Pulte's approach, but she said it's ultimately far too little to achieve meaningful change,

comparing the situation to the old tale of the Dutch boy who kept his finger in a leaking dike to try to prevent his town from flooding.

"Endless fingers in the dike aren't going to solve anything if the dam wall is crumbling. You've got to fix the structure," Gerson said. "If you want to effectively solve the deeper problem, you've got to fund groups and organizations that are looking at things systemically."

Pulte agrees that systemic change is needed, but bristles at the notion that government and giving to large philanthropic organizations is the answer, saying such approaches come with large overhead costs, as well as "corruption, fraud and abuse." The very fact that so many people are reaching out to him is proof that not enough action is being taken, he said.

"Government should be doing it," Pulte told The Associated Press. "But in the absence of government, we have to step up and help people who are dying of cancer, who can't afford

their diabetes insulin pump, who don't have teeth."

And it isn't always Pulte who is fronting all the money. He also works with TeamGiving.com to promote causes — often medical procedures — that his own followers, members of #TeamPulte, can rally behind and chip in to help.

In the long term, Pulte said he is trying to build a huge network of donors in which the TeamGiving community can vote on where to aim funds.

"I think that, that in many ways could be just as good, if not better than Social Security or Medicaid," Pulte said, although he admits, "I haven't figured that out yet."

"The biggest thing I want to solve is how do I make it a movement that's sustainable beyond me? Because I'm just one person. I'm just one millionaire. I'm not able to solve all the issues."

One person Pulte has helped is Callie Coppage, a 32-year-old single mother who tweeted a photo of herself and her infant son to Pulte on Feb. 27, saying she had just left an abusive rela-

tionship and needed support for her two kids.

The next day, as she was braiding hair inside her home, \$7,000 suddenly arrived from Pulte via Cash App.

"It felt like I had a godparent who had just swooped in and helped my life get back on track, saying, 'Here, I'm going to look out for you,'" she told the AP.

Coppage said she immediately put the \$7,000 to use, paying off insurance bills, buying a better car — she said her ex took her old one — as well as new car seats and shoes for her kids.

But as overjoyed as she was to receive the money, Coppage said she also was greeted by the dark side of Twitter philanthropy. Her Cash App was immediately inundated with messages from strangers requesting money — an experience that Coppage said made her empathize with Pulte.

"There was a point where I kind of felt a little bit greedy because I wanted to help, but, knowing my circumstance, \$7,000 was just the perfect amount that I needed — it wasn't as if I'd won \$1 million. And then how do you even choose?"

Pulte said a few volunteers help him sort through the countless requests he gets each day.

"We've gotten a lot better at understanding who is for real and who is not," said Pulte, who said a traditional charity might spend 20% or 30% on overhead. "If we help 90% of people and 10% of them are scams, I'll take those odds any day."

For Price, he continues to tweet his story to Pulte, even though the only responses he ever receives are from scammers trying to trick him into revealing his bank information. He's also applied for various government housing loans.

"My focus has been on getting out of this struggle," Price said.

As CEO pay rises, so does the complexity of compensation

By Stan Choe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — CEO pay is a tricky thing to explain.

Within the eight- and even nine-figure sums trumpeted for CEOs each year, just a small portion is cash. Last year, only a little more than a quarter of compensation for the typical CEO at an S&P 500 company came from cash salary or bonus. At the very top of the rankings, cash can make up 1% or less of total compensation.

Instead, the majority of a CEO's pay tends to come from grants of stock and grants of stock options, which give the CEO the opportunity to buy shares of stock in the future at a certain price. That's often by design, because shareholder advocates have pushed for CEO pay to be more closely aligned with their own returns.

Because of that, exactly how much a CEO is able to cash in will depend in part on the performance of the company — and the CEO.

"There's been such progress made in the past decade in getting pay and performance decisions correct," said Melissa Burek, a partner at Compensation Advisory Partners, a consulting firm that helps boards formulate executive pay. "I would say we have more acute awareness of these issues."

For grants of stocks and options, the numbers listed in companies' annual proxy statements reflect an estimate of how much they're worth.

Consider Apple's CEO, Tim Cook, who ranks No. 4 in the AP's pay survey this year with a package valued at \$98.7 million. Just \$3 million of that is salary.

The vast majority came from a grant of restricted stock, valued at \$82.3 million. It's the first such grant Apple's board has given Cook since his promotion to CEO in 2011,



At \$98.7 million, Apple's Tim Cook was the fourth highest-paid CEO in 2021 as calculated by The Associated Press and Equilar, an executive data firm. **EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION 2019**

but he won't be able to buy anything with it anytime soon.

The stock grant is made up of two batches. One will become available to Cook in tranches over three years, beginning next April. The other will become available to Cook only if Apple's stock beats certain performance targets in coming years.

Since Cook started as CEO, Apple's stock has returned more than 1,100% and the company is the most valuable on Wall Street.

Cook also received a bonus of \$12 million because Apple's 33% growth in net sales and 64% growth in operating income last fiscal year blew past targets. Apple's board had the option to adjust the payout up or down, depending on the company's performance on environmental, social and governance criteria, known as ESG. But because Cook's payouts were maxed out after topping performance targets, the board did not do that.

This was the first year Apple's board considered ESG in setting Cook's pay, and it joins a small but

growing group. They're the latest additions to the often complicated formulas companies have created to set their CEOs' pay.

The people ultimately in charge of setting CEO pay are the ones on the company's board of directors. Those directors are supposed to represent all of a company's shareholders, who get some voice in the process.

At companies' annual meetings with shareholders, investors regularly get the chance to vote in "Say On Pay" tallies, though the results are only advisory and don't compel boards to make any changes. Such votes have routinely received more than 90% of support, but Wall Street's biggest investors have been paying more attention to the topic.

BlackRock, for example, is often one of the biggest shareholders at any company because of the size of its index funds. It says it will vote no on "Say On Pay" and against nominees for a board's compensation committee when it sees a company has failed to align pay with performance.

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OP-ED

Divisions emerging in Europe over Ukraine



Rachel Marsden

PARIS — It was inevitable that sooner or later leading European countries would start distancing themselves from the aggressive rhetoric that has been the hallmark of the European Union leadership’s approach to the armed conflict in Ukraine.

Last week in Turin, Italian Prime Minister Luigi Di Maio presented a four-point peace plan to United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres, who made contact with Moscow and Kyiv in visits a few weeks ago. Di Maio also chaired the group of Europe’s foreign ministers at a meeting in Turin, including those of other EU countries that have recently shown interest in de-escalating the months-old debacle.

Recently, French President Emmanuel Macron has been criticized by Baltic state leaders for even picking up the phone to engage with Russian President Vladimir Putin, while German Chancellor Olaf Scholz was pressured to contribute to the irresponsible flood of weapons into Ukraine and slammed for not being sufficiently enthusiastic about doing so.

So now Di Maio has laid out a concrete exit strategy that may already enjoy quiet backing from some EU member states. First, there would be a ceasefire and demilitarization of the battle zones. Then enshrinement of neutrality for Ukraine with security guarantees. Thirdly, a bilateral agreement between Russia and Ukraine regarding the status of contested territories. And finally, an end to anti-Russian sanctions and a multilateral peace agreement between the EU and Russia, which would no doubt have to take into account arms control in the wake of flooding the zone with weapons, which may have already reportedly made their way onto the black market.

It’s hardly surprising that some indi-



Children walk among buildings destroyed during fighting in Mariupol, Ukraine. **AP**

vidual member states within the EU are seeking an off-ramp, even as the bloc’s unelected supranational leadership in Brussels ramps up the irresponsible rhetoric.

The most aggressive behavior in the Western world has been exhibited by those with the least to lose from prolonging the conflict — politically, economically or otherwise.

Washington’s recently approved \$40 billion package for Ukraine that includes military, economic and humanitarian support that will end up who knows where amid corruption and chaos suggests a long-term investment in promoting instability. But the various rounds of U.S. sanctions against Russia is telling as to how confident Washington feels that its economy is mostly sheltered from any related fallout. Clearly, the roughly 8% of overall U.S. supply of petroleum and oil products previously imported from Russia can be

replaced by other sources from Mexico, Canada, South America or West Africa, even though in some cases the increased shipping distance could bump up the cost, as the Wall Street Journal explained last month.

So when President Joe Biden sanctions Russian industry — energy or otherwise — there’s perhaps even a net future benefit for the U.S. through the urgency to establish greater North American energy independence (anti-pipeline, anti-environmentalists be damned).

It’s slightly more puzzling why the UK is taking a hari-kari approach to the conflict by arguably going even further than the United States. In prohibiting even British citizens and companies from offering business consulting services — including accounting and public relations — to Russian business entities, the UK isn’t really harming the Russian economy so much as its own by causing Russia to pivot

to service providers from Europe, America or elsewhere.

Anti-Russian fervor in the UK is so misguided that even the Association of Tennis Professionals and the Women’s Tennis Association decided on May 20 to strip the annual Wimbledon tennis tournament of its ranking points for participants — effectively reducing the competition to an exhibition match — as a result of the tournament’s decision to ban Russian and Belarusian players. You’d think that they were directly lobbing missiles into Ukraine with backhand serves.

Britain’s scorched earth approach to Russia suggests that it is either ideologically drunk to the point of economic recklessness, or else it figures that it can weather the storm. Britain’s National Institute of Economic and Social Research suggests that “the impact on the UK could be to reduce GDP growth by around 0.8% to 4.0% in 2022 and to 0.5% in 2023.” Meanwhile, British gas comes from the North Sea and Norway, with just 3% imported from Russia (compared to 35% for the EU).

But it’s the EU that risks being hit hardest and is staring down the barrel of potential recession, which would explain why despite EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen’s vow to eventually ditch Russian energy, 20 EU companies supplying member states have opened accounts in rubles in order to continue buying gas from Russia’s Gazprom in light of the EU’s own anti-Russian sanctions.

Some EU member states know that their citizens are fed up with the chaos and are now taking the first tentative concrete steps toward peace. What remains to be seen is how much courage they have against ideological pressure from the U.S., U.K. and EU leadership.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PACs, lobbyists are destroying America

One way to reduce mass shootings (we’re No. 1 in the developed world), lower pharmaceutical costs (the highest in the world), approve universal health coverage (which most Americans support), nationally codify women’s right to choose, especially in cases of rape or incest (approved by two-thirds of Americans), and make billionaires pay their fair share, is easy! Just take money out of politics.

Don’t allow political donations. Imagine if politicians voted in the interests of their constituents rather than their donors. This would stop the NRA from supporting politicians who vote against policies supported by 90% of Americans (universal background checks); prevent pharmaceutical companies from buying politicians to vote against their unscrupulous increase of the cost of a life-saving drug; prevent billionaires from buying politicians to vote against tax increases that might hurt their outrageous bottom line, but help balance the national budget. PACs and lobbyists and their money are destroying America, and our democracy.

Scott MacDonald, Higganum

Children’s lives mean little to those on right

What will it take? Do we need to take up a collection in the number of billions of dollars to outbid the U.S. gun lobby in order for Senate conservatives to vote for gun reform? After all, the horrific effects of assault weapons tearing into the faces of elementary school children, making it necessary to identify them by their DNA, doesn’t seem to move Republicans one way or the other. The only gesture repeated over and over is to spew the hollow, thoughts and prayers and condolences.

It seems that the lives of breathing children mean little to our friends on the right.

Michael Cashman, Newington

The true America: Out of many, one

“E pluribus unum” is the heart of America. The draft opinion by Justice Samuel Alito on Roe v. Wade is the opening salvo to restore the Confederacy by elevating state’s rights above federal governance.

The strict constitutional constructionists use the founding father’s document that excludes women and legalizes chattel human slavery as the law of the land. The Constitution is an evolving document that by the amendment process can become truly egalitarian.

The “great replacement theory” is stoked by those who are afraid that someone is going to take what they have. The someone is anyone who doesn’t look like them. I am a combat veteran of Vietnam, and my family is of mixed ethnicity. My grandson is Italian-Slovak, African, Japanese, Puerto Rican.

We are what America is all about. E pluribus unum: out of many, one.

Dave Ionno, Hartford

A trailblazing mayor turns 100

Antonina “Ann” Uccello, who 45 years ago became the first female mayor in the history of Hartford, and of any town in Connecticut, turned 100 on May 19. Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz graciously arranged a celebration in Ann’s honor at the Capitol. West Hartford Mayor Shari Cantor and Rocky Hill Mayor Lisa Marotta were in attendance, as was once-political rival and former Congresswoman Barbara Kennelly.

The city of Hartford did not send a representative, and The Courant failed to cover it or note the milestone in any way. Ann was a trailblazer and historical figure: She deserved better from the city and the local newspaper.

Paul Pirrotta, Glastonbury

FRESH TALK

As war rages in Ukraine, we need to learn from history, take action

By Panya Khattar

The saying “history repeats itself” is well-known, and many people are comparing Vladimir Putin’s invasion of Ukraine to Adolf Hitler’s atrocities decades ago. We must be encouraged to learn from our mistakes in order to avoid history repeating. It can also happen when a present occurrence feels strangely familiar, as if you’ve seen it before. At the moment, it appears to be the second option. History often seems to repeat to the human race, but we never seem to learn from it. Here are other examples:

■ The Titanic, the Vasa and the Tek Sing were all ships that sank because engineers misjudged Mother Nature’s might.

■ The 1918 Spanish Flu and the COVID-19 pandemic both saw people ignoring the problem before it was too late and thousands of lives were lost.

Happenings from the past might become events of the present as memory fades.

“Some, like author William Strauss and historian Neil Howe, argue that this is due to the cyclical nature of history — history repeats itself and flows based on the generations,” wrote columnist Marcus Thuillier in the daily Northwestern.

But I disagree with that argument because I believe that ignorance is what causes history to repeat itself. We are constantly stuck in the cycle of history repeating, and we forget history. That needs to change right now.

My message is that unless Putin is removed from office soon, my generation will pay the price. With our ignorance, we are witnessing the potential of a recurrence of the 1940s war. Our children,



Many worry that Vladimir Putin’s invasion of Ukraine is merely the first step of Russia extending its reach. **MIKHAIL METZEL/AP**

spouses, parents and others could die as a result of this heinous war; and what about when our generation bears the brunt of the consequences and our economy collapses? Jobs will be at stake, but isn’t that the last thing on your mind when you’re being drafted to go to war?

Look at the frightening parallels between the two dictators’ attacks. Both attacks progress into winter, both dictators want to “unify” all of Eastern Europe, neither strong enough to go against countries that aren’t involved. Majorly, though, according to Britannica, Hitler initially conquered Germany before unleashing his

Wehrmacht over Europe, starting World War II. He believed Germany had the right to exercise sovereignty over Europe as it saw fit. While Putin has not seized as much land, he believes Russia has the right to govern its neighbors and is invading Ukraine. Both dictators also use propaganda and psychological warfare.

Putin owes his success to considerably more modern technology.

“Just imagine what Adolf would’ve done to get his hands on Russia’s infamous troll farms, Deepfake technology and social media bots,” Jesse Clarke wrote on Grunge. Another shocking similarity, according

to Clarke, is “a combination of perceived decadence and weakness on the part of the incumbent Weimar Republic, fear of a violent takeover by German communists, and economic woes brought about by the harsh terms of the Treaty of Versailles and the Great Depression, helped sweep Nazis into power in the German Reichstag. Chancellor Hitler’s first order of business? Criminalizing political opposition and amassing complete dictatorial power.”

Putin’s rise was less dramatic, but the parallels are terrifying. The receipts for his infamous career in the Soviet KGB and his developing political ambitions in 1991 have been obtained by Business Insider.

People could try to hide the fact that history will repeat itself if this situation is ignored by saying things like, “It’s their problem,” “Europe will handle it,” “it won’t affect us,” and “that’s impossible,” but doesn’t that sound similar to what people said before WWII?

It makes no difference that we are on the verge of nuclear war. It doesn’t change the truth that when things get rough, our world turns a blind eye. It does not change the fact that our history is repeating itself.

We will be trapped in this infinite and timeless loop of history repeating itself unless we learn from it.

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Lewis Perrone

West Hartford

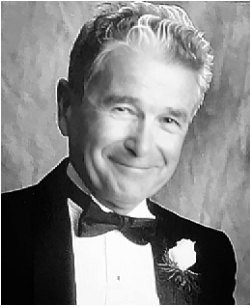
Lewis Perrone

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Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Perrone, Lewis



Lewis Perrone, a longtime resident of greater Hartford, died May 22nd in Millersville, MD. He was 98. Born June 17, 1923, to Vincenzo and Adeline Cersosimo Perrone in Hartford, Lew graduated from Bulkeley High in 1941 and enlisted in the Army Air Force after the attack on Pearl Harbor. A ball-turret gunner with the 381st Bomb Group, 533rd Squadron, he flew 32 B-17 missions out of Ridgewell, England, completed his decorated tour in the fall of '44 and stayed on as gunnery-school instructor through war's end. Back stateside, he married Gloria Cannistraro in 1953, drove Connecticut roads as a Sceli Electronics salesman for more than three decades and later worked as a buyer for circuit-board maker Nova Systems of Avon. After retiring, he spent more than 20 years in Vero Beach, FL, some as unofficial office manager of a sign-making firm, all as gourmet cook, dependable pro-bono repairman and physical marvel: He marked his 80th birthday with 80 uninterrupted pushups. The Florida butcher who custom-made Lew's five-alarm Italian sausage grouched that his hands burned for three days afterward. Lew moved to Maryland in 2013, participated in World War II Memorial ceremonies, offered oral histories to videographers, addressed schoolkids on his wartime doings. In 2021, he received the Legion of Honor medal, France's highest military decoration. He toasted that achievement, and most every evening meal, with a glass of red wine. Predeceased by wife Gloria in 1979, Lew leaves children Vincent (Anna), Gina Michie (Ward) and Anthony (William Moyle), beloved grandsons Taylor and Tristan Michie, and many extended family members and friends whose lives he touched. A graveside service is scheduled at Fairview Cemetery at noon Thursday, June 2nd, the 78th anniversary of his first combat mission. Memorial contributions may be made to the Friends of the World War II Memorial (921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Suite 316, Washington, DC, 20003; www.wwiimemorialfriends.org) or the 381st Bomb Group Memorial Association, 5937 Woodfield Dr., Kernersville, NC, 27284. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneral-home.com

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‘Because of them, our lives are free’

Vernon marks Memorial Day with ceremonies honoring veterans, parade through downtown

By Steve Smith
Courant Community

VERNON — Memorial Day was celebrated in Vernon with a parade and two ceremonies honoring the nation’s veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

The parade stepped off from Northeast School and made a stop at Grove Street Cemetery, where flags were raised and wreaths laid. The parade then continued to downtown Rockville’s Central

Park, where a second ceremony included music and speeches.

Senior Vice Commander Paul Hart of American Legion Post 14 spoke about the sacrifice made by many.

“Again, our nation has gathered to honor our heroic dead,” Hart said. “A thousand battles of land, sea and air echo the glory of valiant deeds.

“Under the quiet sod or beneath the murmuring waves, their bodies sleep in peace, but in the destinies

of veterans their souls go marching on. Because of them, our lives are free. Because of them, our nation lives.”

Vernon Mayor Dan Champagne also welcomed the crowd, and asked them to celebrate the country’s fallen veterans.

“When you sign up to go into the military, you’re basically signing a contract to give your life for the people of this country, and many people did that — hundreds of thousands,” Champagne said. “That is the ultimate sacrifice.

“We are here to celebrate and remember those who gave that ultimate sacrifice.”



A 21-gun salute by members of the American Legion Post 14 was part of the Memorial Day ceremony at the end of the parade in downtown Rockville. **SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Startups getting a boost in Windsor

\$95K in ARPA dollars will go toward funding new co-working space

By Steve Smith
Courant Community

WINDSOR — The town of Windsor plans to use some of its funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to help new businesses get off the ground and get the support they need.

The council heard from town Economic Development Director Patrick McMahon that a record number of 5.4 million new business filings were reported in the United States in 2021, which tops the previous record of 4 million in 2020.

“America’s entrepreneurial spirit has remained strong, despite the trials of the pandemic,” McMahon said at a recent meeting, adding that new businesses in Connecticut increased by 20% in 2021.

“We need to seize the opportunity to provide them with the supports necessary to grow into successful ventures.”

Windsor Worx is the name of the project, a new co-work space that will utilize \$165,000 to establish the center at 208 Broad St., which was formerly a Bank of America building, and is owned by Loomis Chaffee School.

Of the total funding, \$70,000 will come from the town’s previously approved but never used Small Business and Non-Profit Grand Program, and \$95,000 from the new ARPA fund allocation.

The center will be modeled after others, such as those in Manchester and West Hartford. The space will include meeting spaces, co-working desks, dedicated workstations and private offices. Windsor Worx will also partner with the CT Small Business Center to provide assistance to businesses in the areas of marketing, sales, legal services, bookkeeping and more.

“It’s anticipated that Windsor Worx will work closely with the Windsor Public Library, Windsor High School, the Loomis Chaffee School, First Town Downtown and the chamber of commerce on educational programming and events,” McMahon said.

The town will have a three-year lease, with options for two one-year extensions, with Loomis

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Amistad Center for Art & Culture is one of several museums in the state focused on a particular racial or religious group. Shown is Romare Bearden’s “The Lamp,” from the Amistad’s collection. **COURTESY**

EMBRACING ETHNICITY

8 museums to visit on Open House Day, from Ukrainian to Jewish, African American and Sikh

By Susan Dunne | Hartford Courant

The recent ribbon-cutting at Sikh Art Gallery in Norwich added a new museum to Connecticut’s lineup of spaces that celebrate ethnicity. Several museums in the state are devoted to artists or subject matter of a particular racial or religious heritage.

One of the state’s crown jewels in ethnic historical collections, Ireland’s Great

Hunger Museum, is moving to a new address at the Gaelic-American Club in Fairfield. Its artworks and artifacts, all pertaining to the 19th-century Irish “potato famine,” are off view until relocation is complete, but examples from the collection can be seen at ighm.org.

Here is a list of some museums to connect to those of your heritage and to learn about and enjoy the art and history of various

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Locally built sub ready for the seas

‘Technological marvel’ USS Oregon officially joins US Navy fleet

Associated Press

GROTON — The USS Oregon officially joined the U.S. Navy fleet on Saturday, marking the first submarine named after the Beaver State in more than a century.

The newest Virginia-class fast attack submarine, which can dive to depths greater than 800 feet, was originally christened in 2019. But the COVID-19 pandemic created some “slips in schedule” for the crew, said U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, D-Conn., whose district includes General Dynamics Corp.’s Electric Boat Shipyard where the 377-foot submarine was constructed.

“But I think the record should be clear that despite that unprecedented disruption, you showed up for work every day and did your job,” Courtney told the crew of approximately 135 Navy personnel during Saturday’s ceremony, held at the U.S. Submarine Base in Groton.

“Please know that as you embark on your deployments, the people of this state and Rhode Island will be 100% behind you, and you will always be welcome here,” Courtney said.

It marked the Navy’s first in-person commissioning ceremony since 2019, due to the pandemic. There was, however, a christening ceremony for the USS Hyman Rickover in August 2021.

The Navy said the submarine is designed to conduct anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, delivery of special operations forces, strike warfare, irregular warfare, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and mine warfare.

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn. called the new submarine “one of the technological marvels of the world.”

The senator said if anyone had any doubt about the importance of the United States’ submarine superiority, the invasion of Ukraine should leave no question. He said while some people may say it’s a land war, U.S. strength undersea is a critical pillar in Russia deterrence.



Restored 1960 catering van serving up sweet nostalgia



Jack, from left, Lily and Owen Clarke are part of the family ice cream business Main Street Creamery & Cafe in Wethersfield. **COURTESY**

Main Street Creamery ready to take ice cream and history on the road

By Pam McLoughlin
Hartford Courant

WETHERSFIELD — A restored 1960 International Harvester van that once transported Air Force troops in New Mexico is ready to roll from Main Street Creamery & Cafe as an ice cream catering van for weddings and other big events.

Business owner Michael Clarke, a lover of “breathing new life” into old vehicles and other items, said the catering van is about more than ice cream and sweet toppings.

“It is unique and it adds something to the event,” he said. “It just goes hand in hand with ice cream because it’s nostalgic. Old vehicles bring back memories of a simpler time.”

Although his van was used to transport troops, the Metro model manufactured in Bridgeport was commonly used to deliver bread and milk, he said.

Clarke restored the van with the guidance and skill of Mark Tower, who then owned Shoreline Metal Services in East Haven but has since sold the company.

“I took the job because it’s a very unique van,” Tower said. “When you look at one of those old TV shows, you can [see it] drive by in

the background.”

Tower said people will be drawn to the van. Clarke said it’s happened already.

“I can tell he wants to do great things with the community, and it’s a great vehicle to do it with,” Tower said.

Together they replaced the rusted metal, took the body apart, painted the old van and fashioned a serving window of metal out of the original body rather than just cutting a hole and popping in a newly manufactured piece.

Inside the van are metal shelves, a sink, refrigerator and freezer.

“It was a big project, but we

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POLICE BRIEFS

MADISON

Niantic musician killed in I-95 crash

A musician from Niantic was killed on Interstate 95 on Sunday morning when his car collided with the back of a tractor-trailer, according to Connecticut State Police.

Aymeric Dupre la Tour, a 49-year-old musician trained at The Julliard School, was driving his Subaru Forester in the left lane of I-95 southbound near Exit 60 in Madison at about 7:30 a.m.on Sunday when a tractor-trailer in the right lane came to a stop with traffic due to a road closure up ahead, according to Connecticut State Police Troop F.

Dupre la Tour swerved into the right line and hit the back of the tractor-trailer, then struck a guardrail, police said. He was taken to Yale New Haven Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, police said.

According to The Julliard School, Dupre la Tour received his doctorate in musical arts from the school in 2009.

A profile for Dupre la Tour on the United States directory of piano accompanists said that he was a pianist and vocal coach who served as music director for St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Trumbull and was the artistic director of the newly-founded Connecticut Art Song Society, which is set to perform at the New London Maritime Museum.

He also created and directed the Parlor Concert Series at North Stonington Historical Society, and was a vocal coach and piano instructor for the Ensign-Darling Vocal Fellowship, a full scholarship vocal program for students at The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts in Hartford, according to the directory.

He played the piano, organ, harpsichord and electronic keyboard and had worked as an accompanist at the Oberlin Conservatory and Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory of Music in Ohio, and at the International School of the Arts at Niagara University.

The driver of the tractor-trailer, 53-year-old Jerry Sochacki of Johnston, Rhode Island, was not injured in the crash, police said.

The Connecticut State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Squad responded to the scene, and any witnesses to the crash are asked to contact Trooper Clark at Troop F at 860-399-2100.

— Taylor Hartz

WETHERSFIELD

Body found in Connecticut River

Police said a body was recovered from the Connecticut River on Monday.

The Wethersfield Police Department received a call at about 9:30 a.m. from an individual who reported he had found a body in the river, according to police Lt. Michael Connolly.

Wethersfield officers, assisted by the Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department and Glastonbury Volunteer Fire Department, recovered the body and brought it to the Wethersfield Cove, Connolly said.

Connolly said the preliminary investigation indicates that the body is that of a female. He said the identity of the person and manner of death hadn't been determined.

The victim was taken to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Farmington, he said. Additional investigation will be conducted by the Wethersfield Police Detective Division, Connolly said.

Anyone who might have information on the possible identity of the individual or information on any missing persons is asked to call Det. Robert Malinowski at (860)721-2866 or email robert.malinowksi@wethersfieldct.gov.

— Staff report

NEW BRITAIN

House fire leaves 1 dead, 8 displaced

A man died in a fire at his home Sunday morning, officials said.

The man died when the three-family residential building at 468 Stanley Street where he lived caught fire, according to the New Britain Fire Department and New Britain mayor's office.

Eight adults were displaced from their homes by the blaze and were being assisted by the American Red Cross, officials said.

— Taylor Hartz

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Chaffee School, which will also be investing \$150,000 to renovate the space.

The start-up phase of the project — the first 2½ to 3 months — would include signing the lease and securing the funding, and finalizing partnerships. Year one will include bi-monthly, free business networking events, weekly office hours for free technical assistance, establishment of the resources center and content lab, and discussions on how to implement entrepreneurial learning with Loomis Chaffee School.

“A lot of really exciting things are going to happen in this space,” McMahon said.

Annisa Teich, co-director of West Hartford Coworking, a similar entity that began five years ago, also spoke at the council meeting. She formed Bromleigh Enterprises, a nonprofit organization focused on helping small businesses, of which Windsor Worx would be a subsidiary. She said that the trend of co-working has grown and is already stronger in other areas, including New Jersey. Now, the suburban areas are seeing a lot more small busi-

ness ownership.

“Big moves and big dreams are taking place in our facility,” Teich said. “We really see value in digging into our community.”

Council member Ronald Eleveld said he appreciates the idea, but wants to see numbers that show how the center would be profitable.

“I’m a financial guy. Coming to me without numbers, I’m going to have to vote no,” Eleveld said.

But Town Manager Peter Souza took the heat for that, apologizing and saying that it was his decision not to provide detailed cost-performance financials at this meeting, adding that Teich had provided them.

“She has provided them, and they have been reviewed,” Souza said. “We certainly can provide more numbers to you.”

“I think there has been due diligence done,” said council member Lisa Bress. “I don’t think that people would come before us, whether they be employees or professionals, without having done their homework.”

The council discussed tabling a vote to its first June meeting, pending the presentation of the financial numbers, but there was agreement that the vote not be delayed, and the motion passed, 5-4.

“Big moves and big dreams are taking place in our facility. We really see value in digging into our community.”

— Annisa Teich, co-director of West Hartford Coworking

Ice cream

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got a lot done in a short period of time,” Clarke said. “One of the things I like about old cars is it makes people happy to see them.”

The pristine sky-blue van — its old body now seemingly flawless — had its inaugural gig recently at Wethersfield High School for a fundraiser to benefit Ukraine. Clarke donated the profits to the cause.

“The ice cream was very popular,” said Sondra Blanzaco, a tutor at the school and producer for the drama program who helped run the event. “It was a hit.

“They’re a great business. They do a lot for the community, and they’re an integral part of Wethersfield.”

Community is what it’s all about for Clarke, a former high school English teacher who stresses that his family owns the business, and that includes wife Kathy, an educator, and their three children, Owen, 13; Jack, 11; and Lily, 7.

Clarke taught for 10 years and felt it was time for a career change when they bought the business six seasons ago.

“This business became available,” close to where the family lives, and he remembered that son Owen once wrote in a preschool paper that he wanted to be an “ice cream man” when he grew up.

“Everyone who walks through the door wants to be there,” unlike

high school, Clarke said of the business.

The family isn’t going to get wealthy off the ice cream van, as it doesn’t go on the highway and is tricky to drive, so gigs will be limited to Wethersfield and bordering towns.

“This van drives like an old delivery van with a lot of weight in the back,” Clarke said. “It’s an adventure [to drive].”

The Clarkes have been catering events since they took over the creamery but previously served from a cart that needed to be transported by a trailer.

“Restoring the van and using it simplifies things for us and was a good fit for my love of classic cars,” Clarke said.

The catering ice cream packages vary, from \$120 to have ice cream dropped off to \$750-\$950 per guest for full service that can include cones, sundaes or a make-your-own sundae bar.

The creamery carries more than 50 flavors of ice cream that is made locally for them and includes vegan, gluten-free, low-fat and low-sugar varieties.

As for the van model’s origins, Harvester is an old American company that made tractors and trucks and partnered with Metropolitan Body Co. in Bridgeport, Clarke said.

Clarke said he loves that the creamery is a “social hub” in town where families meet other families and bring their dogs.

“It makes me happy to see people happy and be able to support the town,” he said.



An exhibit from the Pequot Village is featured at Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center. JESSICA HILL/AP

Museums

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cultures. Some are participating in Open House Day on June 11, a statewide effort to encourage Connecticut residents to appreciate the cultural gems in their midst. Check websites for exhibit updates. For a full list of venues welcoming visitors on Open House Day, visit ctvisit.com/CTOpenHouseDay.

Amistad Center for Art & Culture: The Amistad Center for Art & Culture is located in Hartford, where the Amistad Trial got its start. It was founded with the 1987 purchase of Randolph Linsly Simpson’s collection of Black art and ephemera, and has grown to more than 7,000 pieces in its collection. “It preserves what Africans in America endured, achieved, brought, built and created,” the museum’s website states, telling stories not told by mainstream history. The Amistad, which has permanent and temporary exhibits on the Black experience in America, will hold a free Juneteenth Family Day on June 11 from noon to 4 p.m., as part of Open House Day. The Amistad is inside Wadsworth Athenaeum at 600 Main St. in Hartford. It is open Thursday to Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Admission to both spaces is \$15, free for Hartford residents. amistadcenter.org.

Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center: The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation opened Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center in Ledyard in 1998, six years after the Nation opened Foxwoods Resort Casino. Now the world’s largest Native American museum, it has permanent exhibits — including dioramas showing historically accurate scenes from the lives of the Mashatucket Pequot Tribe — as well as an auditorium, a restaurant and temporary exhibits with artifacts, ethnographic and archaeological collections, and arts and crafts by Native creatives. An Education

Powwow, showing Native dancers, will be July 8 and 9. Schemitzun, the Feast of Green Corn and Dance, is celebrated annually in autumn. The museum is open Wednesday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$22, \$17 seniors, \$13 youth, 5 and younger free. It is at 110 Pequot Trail in Ledyard. pequotmuseum.org.

Tantaquidgeon Museum: Tantaquidgeon Museum was founded in 1931 by Mohegan John Tantaquidgeon, whose philosophy was “you can’t hate someone you know a lot about.” It is the oldest museum in the country owned and operated by Native Americans. Among the artifacts are a 17th-century wampum collar worn by Mohegan Sachem Uncas, a Flying Bird Belt worn by Mohegan women from the 18th to 21st centuries, an 18th century mortar and pestle used to grind corn and projectile points going back 6,000 years used to hunt and fish. Every summer, the museum holds a Wigwam Festival, aka Green Corn Festival. The museum, at 1 Church Lane in Montville, is open Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and is open on Open House Day. On June 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., it will celebrate “Strawberry Thanksgiving,” with activities, crafts, tours and snacks. facebook.com/tantaquidgeonmuseum

Palestine Museum: Palestine Museum was founded in 2018 in Woodbridge by Faisal Saleh, as the first gallery in the Americas dedicated to artworks made by Palestinians. Saleh, of Wallingford, was born in the West Bank. His family was driven off their farmland in 1948. “My story is the story of millions of Palestinians,” he said. The museum displays artworks by dozens of artists, including Ayed Arafah, Ghassan Abu Laban, Dalia Ali, Manal Deeb, Mahmoud Zayed, Nadia Irshaid Gilbert, Karim Abu Shakra, Nameer Qassim, Samia Halaby, Sobhiya Hasan Qais and Suzan Bushnaq. In June on an as-yet-unspecified date, the museum will have an event in honor of Shireen Abu Akleh, the Palestinian

journalist recently killed in the West Bank, unveiling a portrait of her by Jacqueline Bejani. The museum is open by appointment at 1764 Litchfield Turnpike in Woodbridge. palestinemuseum.us

Ukrainian Museum and Library: Ukrainian Museum and Library, the oldest cultural institution established by Ukrainians in North America, opened in 1937 in a former mansion and the former St. Basil Preparatory School in Stamford. It exhibits artifacts and publications about Ukrainian culture and heritage, as well as fine art by Ukrainian artists, folk art such as Easter pysanky eggs, religious icon art, as well as embroidery including traditional clothing. The library holds more than 60,000 books from as far back as the Middle Ages. The photography collection has, among other holdings, 4,000 glass negative slides of the Ukrainian Army of WWI. Also on exhibit are postage stamps, banknotes, posters, concert programs and maps from the 17th and 18th centuries. The museum is open Tuesday to Thursday 1 to 5 p.m. and by appointment at 161 Glenbrook Road in Stamford. ukrainianmuseumlibrary.org.

Finnish American Heritage Society: The Finnish American Heritage Society was founded in 1987 in Canterbury in a building listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The society has an archive, research room, exhibit area and a library with Finnish- and English-language books and records, as well as photographs and other artifacts of Finnish life and history. The headquarters also has a monument to all Finnish-American veterans of WWII. A 35th anniversary celebration — with a catered meal, music by the Phil Palonen Jazz Trio and talks on Finnish heritage — will be June 5 from noon to 4 p.m. New members are welcome. \$35. The society also is open on June 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., as part of Open House Day. Drink coffee, eat pulla bread, visit the exhibits and see a Finnish sauna. The society is open Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

at 76 North Canterbury Road in Canterbury. fahs-ct.org.

Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven: Jewish Historical Society of New Haven was founded in 1976, after Harvey N. Laden, who lived on Central Avenue, collected photos and memorabilia for years on Jewish life in the city. Now part of the Ethnic Heritage Center at Southern Connecticut State University, the historical society has a 1,500-volume library, photographs, documents, genealogies, press articles and artifacts as well as records from synagogues, cemeteries and organizations. People with stories to tell pertaining to the New Haven-area Jewish communities can inquire about adding their stories to the society’s oral history collection, which currently has more than 300 entries. The historical society is open Monday and Friday 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is at 270 Fitch St. in New Haven. jewishhistorynh.org.

Sikh Art Gallery: Sikh Art Gallery in Norwich was founded by City Councilman Swaranjit Singh Khalsa, who was born in New Delhi and raised in the Sikh-dominated Punjab region. The art gallery has dozens of artworks and artifacts on the history and culture of the Sikhs, and remembering the oppression experienced by Sikhs in their homeland of India. “Sikhs living in the diaspora need to give the world the right narrative, tell the world the reality of the Sikhs,” Singh Khalsa said. “We must keep up the fight, keep the stories alive.” Among artifacts are press articles, posters, maps and books about Sikhism, carefully curated to reflect truth, not anti-Sikh propaganda. The museum also holds Punjab-language and kirtan singing classes for the community. It usually is open by appointment only at 7 Clinic Drive in Norwich, but on Open House day, it is open noon to 4 p.m. sikhartgallery.com.

Susan Dunne can be reached at sdunne@courant.com.



PUBLIC NOTICES

Everyone Is Invited To A VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

State Project No. 0087-0148
Rehabilitation of Bridge No. 06772
Route 63 over Straitsville Brook
Town of Naugatuck

Residents, commuters, business owners, and other interested individuals are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about and discuss the proposed project.

Please join us on Tuesday, June 14, 2022

The meeting will be live streamed via:
Microsoft Teams Live Event and YouTube Live

Formal Presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m.
Question and Answer (Q&A) session will immediately follow the presentation.

Instructions on how to access the meeting and on how to provide comments or ask questions, can be found at the project webpage:
<https://portal.ct.gov/DOTNaugatuck87-148>

The public information meeting is being held to provide the public and local community the opportunity to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed project. Persons with limited internet access may request that project information be mailed to them by contacting Jacob W. Platt by email at jacob.platt@ct.gov. (Allow one week for processing and delivery.)

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling (888) 566-5916 and entering the Participant Code when prompted: 9977843. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). The MS Teams Live Event offers closed-captioning for the hearing impaired and non-English translation options. A recording of the formal presentation will be posted to YouTube following the event and closed-captioning (including non-English translation options) will be available at that time. The recording will also be available in the list of DOT virtual public meetings here: <https://portal.ct.gov/dot/general/CTDOT-VPIM-Library>

Visit the project webpage for options for Apple users. During the Q&A session and the 14-day comment period that follows the meeting, individuals may leave a question or comment via email (preferred) at DOTProject87-148@ct.gov. Individuals may also leave a voicemail question or comment by calling (860) 944-1111. Please reference the project in your voicemail.

Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing at Town Hall, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, CT, on Monday, June 13, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. to consider community projects seeking to qualify for State of Connecticut tax credits from the 2022 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program. Comments may be heard and written communications received. A copy of the NAA and proposals on file are available for examination in the Town Clerk's office.
Dated at Killingworth, Connecticut this 26th day of May, 2022.
Nancy Gorski
First Selectwoman
5/31/2022 7223036

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-storage unit contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart 215 Gold Star Highway, Groton, CT 06340 to satisfy a Lien on June 14th, 2022 at approximately 1:00 PM at www.storage treasures.com:
Cube #185: Tyler Gambrel;
Cube #250: Steven Hodor;
Cube #496: Jamie Hobbs
5/31 & 6/1/22 7218702

LEGAL NOTICE

The Killingworth Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission took the following action at a Special Meeting held at Parmelee Farm, 465 Route 81, May 21, 2022:
APPROVED: Accessory Building (Studio)/347 Route 148/Steven Ackley (owner/applicant),
Terrence Doyle, Chairman, IWWC
Dated at Killingworth: May 25, 2022
5/31/22 7219776

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Ellen Berman, Late of Chester (22-0060)
The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated April 11, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Marge B. Caltharp, Clerk
The fiduciary is:
Todd Berman
c/o SUZANNA MCCAULEY, HUDSON, KILBY AND MCCAULEY, LLC, 10 BOKUM ROAD, P.O. BOX 398, ESSEX, CT 06426
Douglas Berman
c/o SUZANNA MCCAULEY, HUDSON, KILBY AND MCCAULEY, LLC, 10 BOKUM ROAD, P.O. BOX 398, ESSEX, CT 06426
May 31, 2022 7219542

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-storage Cube contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart 1053 Cromwell Ave. Rocky Hill, CT 06067 to satisfy a lien on June 14th, 2022 at approx. 11:30 am at www.storage treasures.com.
Cube #B069: James Ryan,
Cube #B136: James Ryan,
Cube #B179: James Ryan,
Cube #B189: James Ryan,
Cube #B401: Paul Bradstreet
5/31 & 6/1/22 7218977

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that at the April 19, 2022 Special Meeting of the Killingworth Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, the following action was taken: a permit was granted to Fred Leskowitz and Zina Norbowski for construction of an accessory building at 656 Route 148. The permit was granted in the belief that there will be little or no negative impact on the nearby wetlands or watercourses.

Terrence Doyle
Chairman

Dated this twenty-second day of April, 2022
5/31/2022 7219507

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:
2 Douglas St
Bloomfield, CT 06002
Wednesday, June 15th 2022, 1:00pm
1018-Renee Williams-Chair, Décor
1024-Gary Lee-Furniture, Household Items
1110-Ebony Collier-Household Items
1307-Ashley Walker-Clothing, Light Furniture, Mannequin
1346-Patrice Smith-Misc Items
1424-Joel Gunning-Furniture and Clothes
1444-London K Kendrick-Household Items
1550-Amy Kowal-Boxes, Bags
1597-Melissa Freeman-Clothing/Overflow, AC, Personal Items
1598-Sequoya Patterson-Household Goods
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
7214876

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Mark Allen Canfield, Late of Old Saybrook (22-0206)
The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated April 28, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Marge B. Caltharp, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
William Bryce
c/o JAMES W SHEA, JAMES W. SHEA, LLC, 209 FOXON ROAD, NORTH BRANFORD, CT 06471
May 31, 2022 7219561

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHLEEN MARY BLASCHIK (22-00118)
The Hon. Jennifer L. Berkenstock, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Region # 14 Probate Court, by decree dated May 24, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Debra C. Daniels, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Patricia Lynn Blaschik
c/o STEPHANIE PAULINE ANTONIE, JEZEK, BARBI, & ANTONIE, PLLC, 31 WILLIAM F. PALMER RD. PO BOX 376, MOODUS, CT 06469
May 31, 2022 7219494

LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION TOWN OF DEEP RIVER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

At its virtual Regular Meeting of Thursday, May 19, 2022, the Deep River Planning and Zoning Commission made the following decisions:

Approved: Zone Change, 17 and 19 River St from Village Residential to Village Mixed Use zone to allow a mixed use in an existing building at 19 River Street; Applicant: M&M New Properties c/o Mark Marino

Approved: Site Plan Application – Expansion of use at 169 Main Street, addition of outdoor patio. Applicant: Matthew Verry

Details of the decisions are available in the meeting minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully,
Anthony Bolduc
PZC Chairman
5/31/2022 7219590



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TV REVIEW

‘Ipcress File’ keeps anti-James Bond approach

By **Nina Metz**
Chicago Tribune

Based on the 1965 Michael Caine espionage thriller of the same name, “The Ipcress File” on AMC+ (by way of ITV in the U.K.) keeps the Cold War action set in the early 1960s. Harry Palmer is a young Brit with clever instincts but not much spy experience, and he gets roped into a saga that involves a kidnapped nuclear scientist, pushy American interests and a brainwashing scheme that could lead to an assassination. Witty and occasionally terrifying, the series moves at a good clip and is stylish — it retains those thick-framed eyeglasses that are so iconic to Caine’s original performance.

In the ’65 film (adapted from Len Deighton’s 1962 novel), Harry Palmer emerged onto the pop-cultural landscape as the anti-James Bond, and this six-episode version sticks to that approach with Joe Cole (“Peaky Blinders”) stepping into the Caine role. He’s a regular bloke with a smuggler’s talents, which lands him behind bars after he’s busted for running booze while serving as an army corporal stationed in Germany.

But his craftiness and knowledge of the landscape beyond the Berlin Wall make him useful to the task at hand — retrieving a kidnapped nuclear physicist — at least as far as certain parties within British intelligence are concerned. So Harry is sprung from prison and suddenly he’s a spy, working alongside a young woman named Jean Courtney (Lucy Boynton), an icy blonde who has far more



Joe Cole stars as Harry Palmer in the television series adaptation of “The Ipcress File.”
BEN BLACKALL/MIKOLA PREOVIC/AMC/ITV

experience in all things espionage.

Harry and Jean are a study in opposites — he’s the son of a dock worker who gets by on his wits; she’s the exceedingly smart, wildly beautiful daughter of a posh somebody-or-other. They begin as wary compatriots, only slowly coming to appreciate one another’s skills once their straightforward mission becomes exceedingly messy.

Jean’s role has been beefed up considerably from the film, but she remains a cipher. She has a fiancé who is clueless about her real job, and yet ultimately her spy skills aren’t

sharp enough to fool the man she intends to marry. It’s unclear if the marriage was intended as part of her cover or something she actually wanted or simply the next inevitable step for a woman of her time. Maybe it’s everything all at once, but we’re never given a glimpse into her true feelings.

We get more back story when it comes to Harry and Jean’s boss, a seasoned intelligence man named Major Dalby (Tom Hollander) who has some inconvenient emotional entanglements that compromise the job at hand — and the Soviets are keen to exploit that.

Hollander is quite good, underplaying everything. There’s more going on here than meets the eye. Everyone’s a potential mark.

The Americans are in the mix as well as allies, but also as yet another of the story’s villains. It’s a wonderfully acidic take that, not inaccurately, portrays America as the Land of the Glib. Most intriguingly, this comes in the form of a CIA agent named Paul Maddox (played by British actor Ashley Thomas, convincingly pulling off an American accent) who is smooth and solid, and it’s entirely unclear where his loyalties lie.

Paul is Black, which (as he notes himself) makes him a tokenized presence among intelligence officers of this era. It’s a role that *almost* feels like a nod to “The Spook Who Sat by the Door,” Sam Greenlee’s 1969 novel (and later 1973 film) that was loosely inspired by his own less-than-happy experiences as one of the few Black people to work for a U.S. intelligence agency. Even when it comes to matters of intelligence, racism is always there. “The Ipcress File” swerves away from any narrative ponderings on this front, mostly because it’s a story of the British, not the Americans, but it also suggests there might be something there for other TV writers to explore in a different series altogether.

Ultimately, as their quest to track down the nuclear scientist progresses, Harry, Jean and Dalby find the web is far more tangled than they first suspected. There’s a brainwashing experiment at the heart of it all — that so-called Ipcress file — that can turn any unsuspecting soul into an assassin, and poor Harry gets a firsthand look at exactly what that entails. These scenes are at odds, tonally, with the earlier portions of the season and that’s not a bad thing: Brainwashing *should* be disturbing. But it’s a change of pace from the mostly spy approach that defines the early episodes.

I’m always going to prefer these kinds of small-bore spy stories to big explosion-filled exercises that you get with the “Bond” films or “The Gray Man,” coming to Netflix later this summer. It’s a choice between maximalism and minimal-

ism, and the latter always seems more interesting from a storytelling standpoint. “The Ipcress File” (written by John Hodge and directed by James Watkins) proves the stakes can feel high even when the testosterone is kept mostly in check (Harry really doesn’t like killing people) and everything isn’t going boom every other minute.

Where does “The Ipcress File” find its kicks? By looking at how people’s weaknesses can be exploited; that’s more of a spy’s job than anything. But also: It’s men driven by their own personal need for revenge. The class politics are overt and very English and very spiky. And frankly, the impending promise of a plutonium bomb going off — strictly in testing circumstances, of course, but still — is enough to put you on edge. The series looks expensive without being flashy or too visually ambitious. Set pieces are kept relatively small and simple, with a focus on the details and production design, and it works. The action is in the ideas and the ever-shifting dynamics.

Cole is a fascinating choice to carry the show. He has Michael Caine’s youthful air of insouciance, but with the way his features are arranged, he also has the appearance of a nobody. A guy who’s easy to overlook. That comes in handy when you’re a spy: Blend in and don’t draw attention to yourself. It’s an intricately plotted series that doesn’t glamorize spy work so much as make clear just how awful it can be. The betrayals will always get you in the end.

Where to watch: AMC+

CELEBRITIES

‘Triangle of Sadness’ wins Palme d’Or

From news services

Swedish director Ruben Ostlund’s class warfare comedy “Triangle of Sadness” won the Palme d’Or at the 75th Cannes Film Festival on Saturday, giving Ostlund one of cinema’s most prestigious prizes for the second time.

Ostlund, whose art-world send-up “The Square” took the Palme in 2017, pulled off the rare feat of winning Cannes’ top award for back-to-back films. “Triangle of Sadness,” featuring Woody Harrelson as a Marxist yacht captain and a climactic scene with rampant vomiting, pushes the satire even further.

“We wanted after the screening (for people) to go out together and have something to talk about,” said Ostlund. “All of us agree that the unique thing with cinema is that we’re watching together. So we have to save something to talk about, but we should also have fun and be entertained.”

The awards were selected by a nine-member jury headed by French actor Vincent Lindon and presented Saturday.

The jury’s second prize, the Grand Prix, was shared between the Belgian director Lukas Dhont’s tender boyhood drama “Close,” about two 13-year-old boys whose bond is tragically separated after their intimacy is mocked by schoolmates; and French filmmaking legend Claire Denis’ “Stars at Noon,” a Denis Johnson adaptation starring Margaret Qualley as a journalist in Nicaragua.

The directing prize went to South Korean filmmaker Park Chan-wook for his twisty noir “Decision to Leave,” a romance fused with a police procedural.

Korean star Song Kang Ho was named best actor for his performance in Japanese director



Director Ruben Ostlund accepts the Palme d’Or for “Triangle of Sadness” on Saturday in France. JOEL C RYAN/INVISION

Hirokazu Kore-eda’s film “Broker,” about a Korean family seeking a home for an abandoned baby.

Best actress went to Zar Amir Ebrahimi for her turn as a journalist in Ali Abbasi’s “Holy Spider,” a true-crime thriller about a serial killer targeting sex workers in the Iranian religious city of Mashhad.

Cruise soars to first \$100M opening: Tom Cruise just flew past a major career milestone. The 59-year-old superstar just got his first \$100 million opening weekend with “Top Gun: Maverick.”

In its first three days in North American theaters, the sequel earned an estimated \$124 million in ticket sales, Paramount Pictures said Sunday. Including international showings, its worldwide total is \$248 million. According to estimates, by Monday’s close, “Top Gun: Maverick” was likely to

have over \$150 million.

The star is not known for massive blockbuster openings. Before “Maverick,” Cruise’s biggest domestic debut was in 2005, with Steven Spielberg’s “War of the Worlds,” which opened to \$64 million.

“The Bob’s Burgers Movie” — the weekend’s other new release from 20th Century Studios and Disney — earned \$12.6 million to open in third place, behind “Doctor Strange 2,” which earned \$16.4 million in its fourth weekend.

May 31 birthdays: Actor Clint Eastwood is 92. Singer Peter Dinklage is 84. Actor Sharon Gless is 79. Actor Tom Berenger is 73. Actor Gregory Harrison is 72. Comedian Chris Elliott is 62. Actor Lea Thompson is 61. Rapper DMC is 58. Actor Brooke Shields is 57. Bassist Christian McBride is 50. Actor Colin Farrell is 46. Singer Normani is 26.



ASK AMY

By **Amy Dickinson**

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Child wonders where is estranged grandpa

Dear Amy: My partner “Michael’s” father, “Ned” walked out on their family when Michael was a teenager. It was a nasty divorce, leaving behind many emotional and financial scars.

In the years following the divorce, Ned made little and then no effort to keep in touch with his children.

The family is understandably angry and hurt by his betrayal. Michael is especially hurt. He never speaks of his father and becomes visibly closed off if he ever comes up in conversation.

Michael and I now have a wonderful son together, and while we know Ned is aware of this through mutual friends and family, Ned has never reached out.

Our son is 3. We have accepted that this man will likely never be a part of our son’s life, but how do we tell our son that?

The dreaded question has already come up (“Nana is mom’s mom, Grandma is dad’s mom. ... Who is Grandpa? Where is he?”), and I explained that Grandpa went far away a long time ago, and we don’t really know where he is.

Our son accepted this explanation and moved on, but I can feel follow-up questions brewing. I plan to address them openly and honestly as they arise, but am at a loss as to how to frame it in a way that is age-appropriate. How do you tell a child that some parents just leave their families?

How can we reassure him we would never do that to him?

— *Estranged-in-law*

Dear Estranged: You

should talk to your partner about this and ask him if the two of you can come up with simple and truthful explanations for your precocious son: “Daddy’s father’s name is ‘Ned.’ Daddy hasn’t seen him in a long time because Ned chose to move away and hasn’t been in touch.”

If your son asks why, you can truthfully say, “I’m not sure why, but I’m sorry he made that choice.”

Some people don’t want to be parents and grandparents. And some people never learn how.

Don’t overload your son with a sense of loss and sadness over this. Follow his curiosity where it leads, and offer lots of affirmations and reassurance.

Dear Amy: I have been to therapy off and on throughout the course of my 40-plus year marriage.

The advice I’ve been given is to pray about it, to find a hobby or to get a divorce.

My wife is my best friend, and I love her dearly, but when it comes to love and affection, she is not interested.

We have slept in separate bedrooms for most of our marriage. There is never any hand holding, cuddling or intimacy.

When I tell her how lonely I am, she ignores me. She is not willing to attend couples’ therapy and is content with our platonic relationship. I have hobbies and grandchildren to occupy my days, but I’m extremely lonely. I’m in great shape for my age and hope to live another 30 years.

I can’t bear to think that I will live out the rest of my life being lonesome

and wanting a woman’s affection. I’ve been faithful through all of this, but worry about giving in to temptation someday.

Any advice?
— *Suffering from Touch Deprivation*

Dear Suffering: I don’t know about praying this loneliness away, but I’d add an idea to your basket of solicited advice: If you are unwilling to leave your marriage in order to pursue the possibility of other relationships, you could approach your wife to see if she is willing to “open” your marriage so that you could both step out, possibly for a trial period of a few months.

If you two are best friends and great roommates, she may be willing to participate in this experiment.

There is a substantial downside to this sort of trial: Harsh judgment from children, family members and friends, as well as the disappointment that so often accompanies dating.

Dear Amy: I was surprised at your response to “Wondering,” suggesting explaining artificial insemination to very young children who are conceived this way. What does a 6-year-old know about eggs and sperm?
— *Upset*

Dear Upset: Young children understand that babies come from parents. Their folks will explain the rest.

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“Chesapeake Shores” will return for a sixth and final season. RICARDO HUBBS/CROWN MEDIA

TV Q&A

When will ‘Chesapeake Shores’ wash up on Hallmark again?

By Rich Heldenfels
Tribune News Service

Q: Will Hallmark’s “Chesapeake Shores” be continued? If so, when?
A: There will be a sixth and final season of the series based on the Sherryll Woods novels. Hallmark promises it “later this summer” and that series regulars “Robert Buckley, Meghan Ory, Treat Williams, Barbara Niven, Laci J. Mailey, Emilie Ullerup, Brendan Penny and Andrew Francis are all set to return.”

Q: Is “Say Yes to the Dress” coming back on TLC?
A: I say yes. The series will mark 15 years on the air beginning July 9 with Randy and the Kleinfeld crew dealing with new brides-to-be, including one who got engaged hours before her appointment.

Q: I watch TCM, and lately there has been a voice in the background explaining what is going on. Why? How can I stop it?
A: Letters come here from time to time from readers who are hearing a voice announcing that a character is opening a door and other actions.

Basically, you’re encountering descriptive audio — details meant to help blind and visually impaired people tuned to a program. You should be able to turn it off where your settings list the SAP, or secondary audio program. If the solution isn’t clear, you may want to check with your program provider.

Q: I watched a movie on TV around 1959. I remember a lot of the details, but not the name. A girl enters a convent, but leaves, has an affair with a bullfighter and then returns to the convent. No one knew she had been missing because a statue of Mary became human and filled in for her while she was gone.
A: You are remembering “The Miracle,” a 1959 movie starring Carroll Baker and Roger Moore, and based on a play of the same name.

Q: In 1963, my then-husband, now deceased, and I had dinner reservations. Before leaving home, I flipped on the TV and stopped at a movie that was beginning with the title “Suppose I Said I Was the Queen of Spain.” I became so enthralled, we

missed the reservations. I have tried to find info on it and have hit a roadblock.
A: The reason you’ve had a hard time is that it was not a movie. Airing right when you were missing dinner was an episode of the TV series “Route 66” called “Suppose I Said I Was the Queen of Spain.” It finds series regular Tod (Martin Milner) beguiled by a mysterious woman (Lois Nettleton). The impressive guest cast also includes Robert Duvall and Harvey Korman.

Finally, a reader not long ago asked about the actor Richard Egan and thought he was in “The Long Hot Summer.” As I said, he was not. But many readers filled in a “summer” blank by pointing out that Egan was instead in “A Summer Place,” the 1959 film also featuring Dorothy McGuire, Sandra Dee and Troy Donahue. Thanks to everyone who wrote in.

Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Saying what’s on your mind could be fraught today. Explaining it to a supportive friend can help you figure out what the important parts of your story are. Even if you aren’t able to say everything, you need to start somewhere in order to move forward.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You don’t have to believe all the financial advice you get from your peers at the moment. You might be better off consulting an authority figure who can clearly identify how your situation fits into the big picture. They’re simply able to advise from that overarching viewpoint.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Managing how the world sees you may be exhausting right now. On the other hand, the cost of feeling like no one understands the real you might not be worth it. Focusing on living in accordance with your beliefs could be less exciting, but it should produce long-term confidence.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Getting a handle on what you believe about the world may be hard now. Confiding in someone you trust can give you space to sort through competing claims. You aren’t obligated to make your views public, but attaining clarity should help you understand your philosophies.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Building closer relationships with those in your broader social network could be rewarding for you at this time. However, it may be easy to share too much too soon. Keep things light. As you get to know them, be attentive to details that can give insights about whether to proceed further.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A close relationship could hold you back from pursuing your goals today. However, it may be hard to sort out what the other person has actually done versus what you’ve blamed them for. Put in work toward your aims. If that goes well, then look at your role in your inhibitions.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your idea of what’s required of you might be holding your nose to the grindstone. These views could be deeply rooted in your upbringing. However, setting limits on what you do can begin to restore balance to your life. Carve out some space for yourself, and start there.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Sharing without boundaries could be too easy today. Considering your motivation for opening up might help you do so more consciously. Perhaps you feel like you lack emotional security, but you’re more likely to get that with a slow and steady approach. Have patience with others.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Sharing physical space could strain a relationship now, as unclear boundaries can quickly lead to conflict. It’s best for you to be as honest as possible in this discussion. If you want others to stay away from your physical possessions, you need to say so openly instead of hoping that they will get the hint.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Staying focused on practical matters can keep you grounded. You may be tempted to manipulate people if they’re not coming around to your side. You’re probably better off working independently for now. Your actions should eventually speak for themselves.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A financial risk could be appealing to you at the moment. Unresolved tension or vagueness in your approach to money can make the provocation more compelling. Getting in touch with your stern side is probably necessary to make a final decision on your priorities.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You give others what you think they want. You could be picking up signals from your peer group about what they don’t accept, but it’s hard to tell the difference between that and your own inhibitions. Taking some space from the situation may help you find out who you are.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On May 31, 1790, President George Washington signed into law the first U.S. copyright act.

In 1859, the Big Ben clock tower in London went into operation.

In 1962, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was hanged in Israel for his role in the Holocaust.

In 1970, a magnitude 7.9 earthquake in Peru claimed an estimated 67,000 lives.

In 1977, the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in the making despite objections from environmentalists, was completed.

In 1989, House Speaker Jim Wright, dogged by questions about his ethics, announced he would resign.

In 2009, Millvina Dean, the last survivor of the 1912 sinking of the RMS Titanic, died in Southampton, England at 97.

In 2020, protests continued across America after George Floyd’s death.

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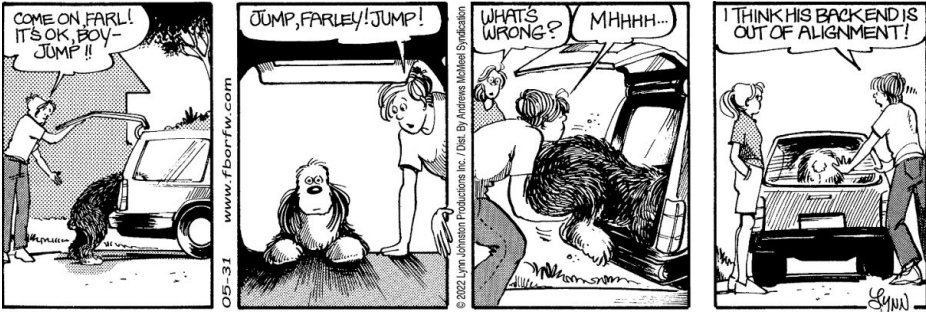


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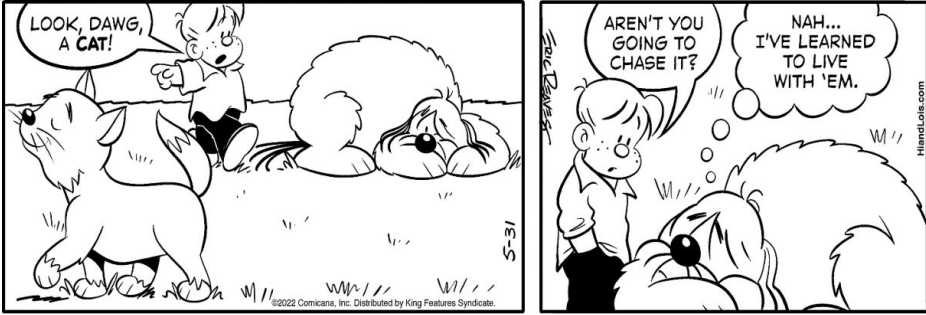
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Beetle Bailey by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker



Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne



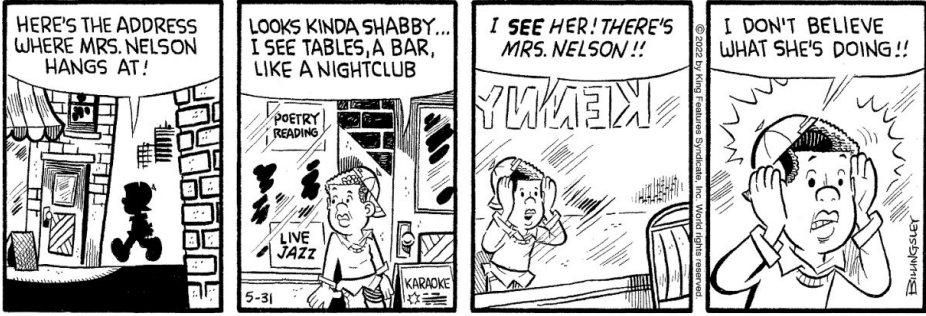
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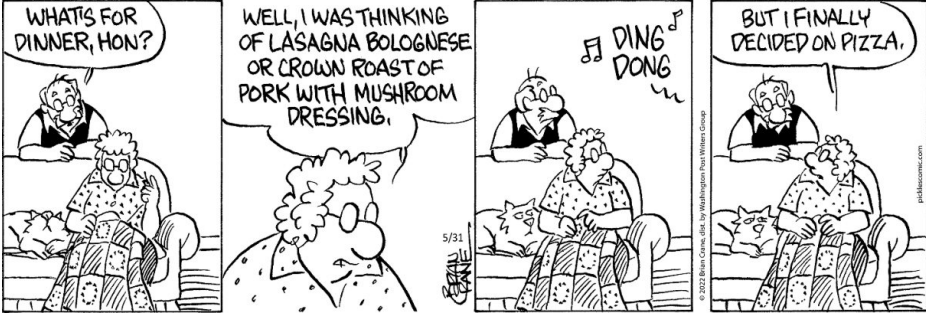
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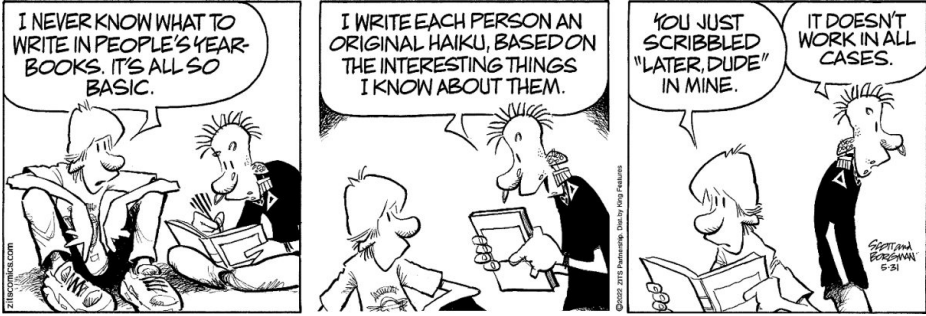
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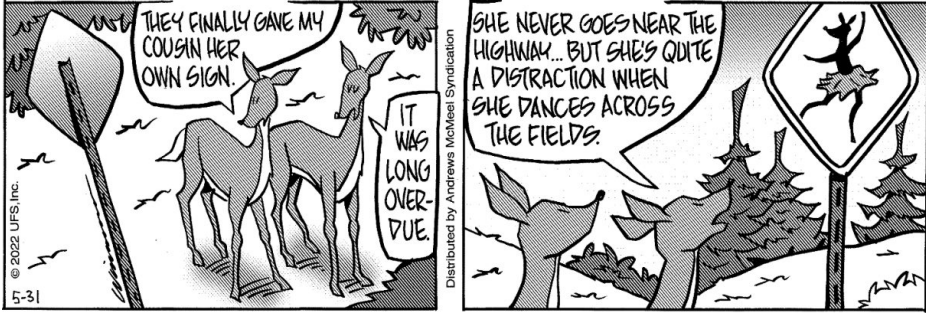
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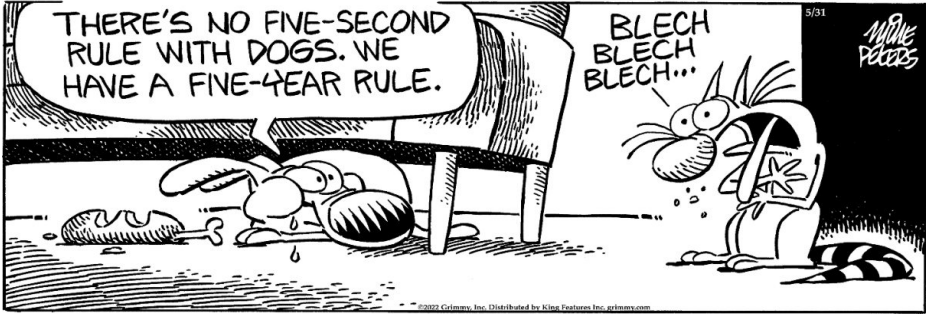
Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady and Don Wimmer



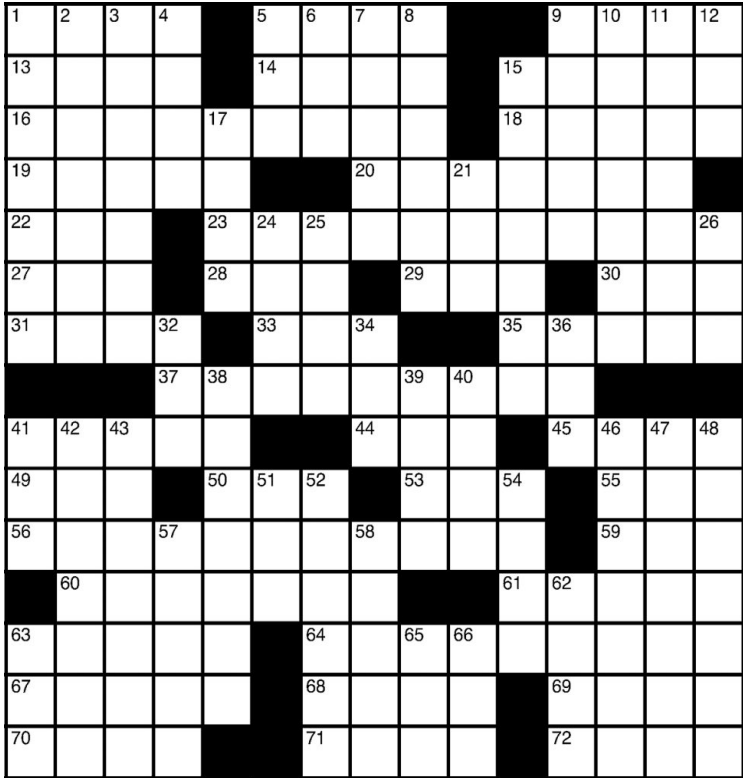
Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters



CROSSWORD

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- Across**
- 1 Antlered deer
 - 5 Take in the sights
 - 9 Transfer to a new city, informally
 - 13 Run out of steam
 - 14 "___ Wolf and Cub": manga series
 - 15 Wi-Fi device
 - 16 *Shabby and dated
 - 18 Winery process that takes years
 - 19 French farewell
 - 20 Matching cups, saucers, etc.
 - 22 The Big Apple, for short
 - 23 *Tunes for fogies
 - 27 Toothpaste option
 - 28 Possesses
 - 29 Spanish Mrs.
 - 30 Issa of "Insecure"
 - 31 Genesis garden
 - 33 Word between surnames
 - 35 Rough-sounding
 - 37 Make sweeter, in the way the theme answers do to their starred clues?
 - 41 Wristwatch part
 - 44 Actor Lowe
 - 45 MLB team in the ESPN documentary "Once Upon a Time in Queens"
 - 49 Bowl over
 - 50 Opposite of NNW
 - 53 Note from one who's shy?
 - 55 Museum collection
 - 56 *Blubber
 - 59 Sturgeon product
 - 60 Hot, dust-laden Saharan wind
 - 61 Island south of Sicily
 - 63 Want very much
 - 64 *Hopelessly out of touch
 - 67 Apple desktops series
 - 68 Honest-to-goodness
 - 69 Border on Gael, for one
 - 70 Whirlpool
 - 72 "This Is Us" role for Susan Kelechi Watson
 - 6 "Look, fireworks!"
 - 7 Condo divisions
 - 8 Classroom break
 - 9 Tennis great Federer
 - 10 Cosmopolitan group?
 - 11 Camera accessory
 - 12 Short "Good grief!"
 - 15 Eyelash application
 - 17 "That hurts!"
 - 21 "Bel-___": 2022 drama series based on a 1990s sitcom
 - 24 "Auld ___ Syne"
 - 25 Sailing
 - 26 Lock opener
 - 32 Govt. intel group
 - 34 Play a proper noun in Scrabble, say
 - 36 Drive-thru device
 - 38 Ultimate results
 - 39 Spiral
 - 40 Clarinet kin
 - 41 1950s actor Mineo or 1950s pitcher Maglie
 - 42 Pair
 - 43 Second or third staging on Broadway, say
 - 46 Oft-pierced body part
 - 47 Present proudly
 - 48 Furtiveness
 - 51 Cul-de-__
 - 52 Concertgoer's "More!"
 - 54 "Semper Fi" military org.
 - 57 Raise
 - 58 Meted (out)
 - 62 "Moby-Dick" captain
 - 63 POTUS, militarily speaking
 - 65 Pop
 - 66 Underhanded



By Ed Beckert Tribune Content Agency 5/31/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 6 4 2
♥ Q 9 6 2
♦ A J 5
♣ A Q 10

WEST

♠ K 9 3
♥ 10 8 4 3
♦ 7 2
♣ K 9 7 6

EAST

♠ Q 5
♥ A K 7
♦ 6 4 3
♣ J 8 5 3 2

SOUTH

♠ A J 10 8 7
♥ J 5
♦ K Q 10 9 8
♣ 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠			

Opening lead — three of hearts.

An unusual defense

The fundamental approach for the defense is to assume that every contract can be defeated. To this end, both defenders shape their play to meet whatever conditions are necessary to meet that goal.

Take this case where South was in four spades and West led a heart. East knew from West's lead of the three — fourth-best — that declarer had at least two hearts, so he could count on scoring two tricks in that suit. The question was where the defense could score two more.

South's bidding indicated at least nine cards in spades and diamonds, leaving him with at most two clubs.

Given dummy's strong holdings in both minors, it was unlikely that the defense could collect any tricks in either of those suits.

The only realistic hope, therefore, was that the defenders could score two trump tricks. This would happen naturally if West

had any two spade honors, but another possibility existed that required some assistance from East.

Accordingly, after winning the opening trick with the king of hearts, East cashed the ace, even though this established dummy's queen. He then continued with a third heart into dummy's Q-9, handing declarer yet another heart trick.

The upshot of this unusual sequence of plays was that South could no longer make the contract. After taking the heart in dummy, he had no choice but to lead a spade to the jack, losing to the king. Following his partner's defense, West then returned his last heart, which East ruffed with the queen.

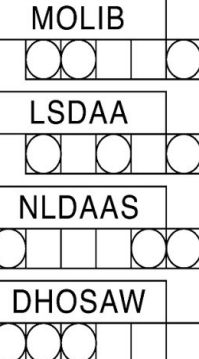
Declarer overruffed with the ace and cashed the ten, hoping the nine would fall. When it didn't, all he could do was congratulate East-West on a well-conceived and well-executed defense.

Tomorrow: A case of timing.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



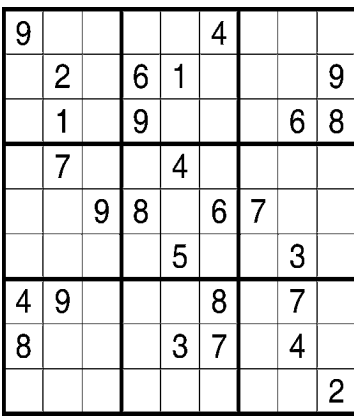
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(Answers tomorrow)

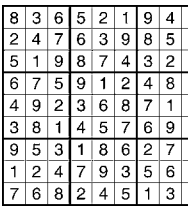
Yesterday's Jumbles: ANNOY PLUNK TOPPLE COMMON
Answer: The construction of a 555-foot-tall obelisk in Washington, D.C., was — MONUMENTAL

TODAY'S SUDOKU

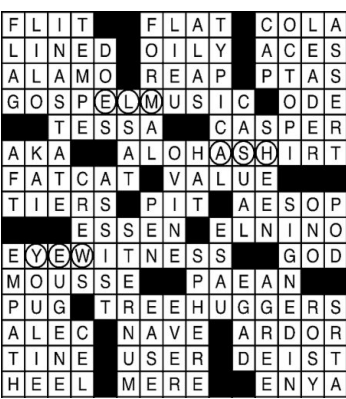


Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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UCONN BASEBALL NCAA TOURNAMENT

Huskies open tourney against Wake Forest

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

The UConn baseball team, fresh off its Big East Conference title, will head to College Park, Md., to open play in the NCAA regional round next weekend.

The Huskies (46-13), are the No. 3 seed and will play No. 2 Wake Forest in its opener at 1 p.m. Friday. The double elimination regional will be hosted by Maryland, which

plays No. 4 seed LIU, the Northeast Conference champion.

"I think we stack up well," UConn coach Jim Penders said. "We've got to do a lot of research on Wake right now. We'll have to see what we can find out, but really worry about us getting ready."

Wake Forest (40-17-1) is one of nine ACC teams in the field of 64, after going 15-14-1 in the conference. The Deacons are hitting .319 as a team, with seven starters

hitting .313 or better, and 115 home runs. Their team ERA is 3.98, with ace Rhett Lowder 11-3 with a 2.61 ERA in 15 starts. Brendan Tinsman is hitting .349 with 23 homers and 65 RBI in 57 games.

The Huskies and Deacons have common opponents in Georgetown, Boston College and Louisville. UConn went 3-4 against those teams, Wake Forest was

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Casey Dana and the Huskies will be at Maryland pver the weekend in the NCAA Regional. They play Wake Forest at 1 p.m. Friday. KELLY SHEEHAN/AP

Maryland Regional schedule at College Park

Friday's games: Game 1: UConn vs. Wake Forest (1 p.m., ESPN+); Game 2: LIU vs. No. 15 Maryland (7 p.m., ESPN+)

Saturday: Game 3: Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2; Game 4: Winner

Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2

Sunday: Game 5: Winner Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4; Game 6: Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5

Monday: Game 7: Game 6 rematch, if necessary

NHL PLAYOFFS RANGERS AT HURRICANES



THE LAST DUEL

The Rangers' Ryan Reaves (75) tangles with the Hurricanes' Brett Pesce during the first period of Game 7 of the Eastern Conference semifinals on Monday in Raleigh, North Carolina. The game was not over in time for this edition, please go to courant.com/sports for the result. KARL B DEBLAKER/AP

COLLEGE MEN'S LACROSSE

Rarefied air

Maryland joins conversation of best team ever by holding off Cornell in final

By Mike Preston
Baltimore Sun

EAST HARTFORD — The University of Maryland solidified its claim as one of the best men's lacrosse teams in modern history by defeating No. 7 seed Cornell, 9-7, in the NCAA Division I championship game played before a crowd of 22,184 at Rentschler Field on Monday.

The No. 1 ranked Terps (18-0) had been dominant all season and played only four games where they had won by fewer than four



Maryland defender Owen Prybylski, right, celebrates after his team defeated Cornell in the NCAA lacrosse championship game Monday in East Hartford. BRYAN WOOLSTON/AP

goals, but there weren't many who thought that they could dismantle the field the same way in the post-season. They did, except for when they started to wilt in the heat

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YANKEES

Judge focused on standings after back-to-back losses to the Rays

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

ST PETERSBURG, Fla. — Aaron Judge did not want a barbecue or a picnic on Monday. With the Yankees finishing a stretch of nine games in eight days with back-to-back losses to the Rays, the Yankees slugger did not particularly even want a day off to think about it.

"We've got a bad taste in our mouth," Judge said Sunday. "Everybody in here is ready to go every single day. I know it's been quite a few games in a row, but we've got a lot to prove."

But Monday, Memorial Day, was a scheduled Yankees off day and it is a traditional day in baseball to take stock of where a player or team stands. Even

after two straight losses to their American League East rival Rays, Judge knows that the Yankees are standing in a good spot. With a 33-19 record just over a quarter of the way through the season, the Yankees have the best record in the AL, one loss behind the Dodgers for the best record in baseball.

Judge has made it clear this regular season is all about one thing: positioning themselves for the playoffs. So far, so good leading the AL.

"We're in first place," he said. "That's the only thing I'm going to look at, where we are in the standings. It's better than being in second place, that's for sure," Judge said. "So we've got a good

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NBA FINALS CELTICS VS. WARRIORS

Battered, but not beaten

Celtics' first trip to Finals since 2010 comes off brutal series with Heat

By Mark Murphy
Boston Herald

MIAMI — After running through three rounds worth of picks, banging his sore right leg repeatedly, Marcus Smart went to the bench late in Game 7 to tend to his recently sprained ankle.

"My ankle was hurting pretty bad tonight to the point where I came out I think in the first quarter to tighten up my ankle brace, and all I just remember is those guys just telling me, listen, forget about it, play through it, we need it, just keep it going, and that really stuck with me," he said. "It's Game 7. I've been here four times and never got across the hump. For me it was, I can't let this happen again, and that's what it came down to, so I just wanted to go out there and make sure I left everything on the court."

"Man, my whole right side is a little banged up on my leg. I have the quad injury, I have the foot injury, and then I have the ankle injury," he said. "I'm not the only one, but it's definitely been tough. But my teammates just kept telling me, we don't care how hurt you are, we need you. 65, 70 percent of you is better than none of you, so give us everything you can, we'll help you and pick up everything that we can that you can't. That's what I wanted to go out there and do."

Like Rob Williams, Smart was in and out of the lineup during the Celtics' seven-game battle against the Heat. But after a season that didn't catch fire until mid-January, and after some real first half struggles playing as a team and defending to Ime Udoka's specifications, the injuries were simply part of the price.

"Everything we've been through, individually, together, in our basketball lives, outside of our basketball lives," said Smart, who called out Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown early in the season for their lack of passing, and may have actually helped the cause in doing so.

"We've been through a lot together. We bring it all. We don't hold anything back from each other," he said. "I think that's the beauty of it. I think that growth is inevitable when you do things like that, when you bleed and you sweat and you cry together, it's only right that you build together to get to something great, and that's to get over this hump for us. And then on top of that you've got a coach who embodies everything that we embody, and he kind of puts it on you to let you

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NBA Finals



Game 1: Celtics at Warriors
9 p.m. Thu., ABC

Inside: An early look at the matchup with Warriors. Page 5

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UP NEXT

Celtics: NBA Finals: at Warriors (Game 1), Thursday, 9 p.m.; at Warriors (Game 2), Sunday, 8 p.m.; vs. Warriors (Game 3), June 8, 9 p.m.
Red Sox: Reds, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Reds, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Athletics, Friday, 9:30 p.m.
Yankees: Angels, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Angels, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Angels, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Mets: Nationals, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Nationals, Wednesday, 1 p.m.; at Dodgers, Thursday, 10 p.m.
Yard Goats: Reading, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Reading, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Reading, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Sun: at Aces, Tuesday, 9 p.m.; at Aces, Thursday, 10 p.m.; at Mercury, Friday, 10 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: at El Paso, Saturday, 9:30 p.m.; at San Diego, June 11, 10 p.m.; Memphis, June 15, 7 p.m.

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7 p.m.: Los Angeles Angels at New York Yankees. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9
7 p.m.: Washington Nationals at New York Mets. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880
10 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
BASKETBALL
7 p.m.: WNBA: Phoenix Mercury at Chicago Sky. (Live) ESPN2
9 p.m.: WNBA: Connecticut Sun at Las Vegas Aces. (Live), ESPN.
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5 p.m.: NCAA Championships: Team Match Play Semifinals. (Live) GOLF
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12 p.m.: Second Round: Teams TBA. (Taped) NHL
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8 p.m.: Conference Final: Teams TBA. (Live) TNT
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7 p.m.: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN
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6 a.m.: Roland-Garros Tennis Men's & Women's Quarterfinals. (Live) TENNIS
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UConn

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UConn will be making its fourth consecutive NCAA appearance, and eighth since 2010. They have won a regional once, at Clemson in 2010. They repeated as Big East champs with solid pitching performances from Austin Peterson, Pat Gallagher, Enzo Stefanoni and Garrett Coe. The Huskies are hitting .302 as a team, with 72 homers, holding opponents to a .239 average.

Peterson, Gallagher and Stefanoni will start the first three games UConn plays. “We’re not going to try to reinvent the wheel,” Penders said.

Maryland, hosting for the first time, is 45-12, 18-5 in the Big Ten. but lost to Michigan and Indiana in the conference tournament.

The Terrapins are the 15th overall seed in the field, and the survivor of this regional plays the winner of the Stanford Regional. LIU won the NEC tournament in Norwich on Sunday.

For Penders, it’s his 10th tournament appearance, two as a player; eighth, all at UConn.

“It never gets old,” Penders said. “What keeps you young that way is the kids. You feel like your 20 again. You knew you were getting in, but the heart starts pounding for some reason. You love seeing the joy, hearing them hoot and holler. It was electric today.”

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YARD GOATS

Club returns home to face Fightin’ Phils

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

The Yard Goats are something they have rarely been since taking up residence in Hartford: Red hot.

After getting nine wins on a 12-game road trip through Bowie and Richmond, the Goats return home to take on Reading, the Phil- lies’ long-time Double A affiliate, six games at Dunkin’ Donuts Park, Tuesday through Sunday.

With the Eastern League season divided into halves, the Yard Goats (28-17), just 1 ½ games back, have 24 games to catch first-place Somer- set to clinch a playoff spot before the first half ends June 26. Hartford finishes the half with six games at Somerset, the Yankees affiliate.

Here’s what you need to know about this week at DD Park:

Probable starters and promotions:

Tuesday: Yard Goats RH Noah Gotsis vs LH Ethan Evanko, 7:05 p.m.

Promotion: Daym Drops Bobble- head Giveaway (First 1,000 fans)
Wednesday: Yard Goats RH Michael Baird vs LH Erik Miller, 7:05 p.m.
Soccer Night & Play as Steamed Cheeseburgers (meet Hartford Athletic Players)
Thursday: Yard Goats LH Nick Bush vs RH James McArthur, 7:05 p.m.
Meet “Mike Johnson” from The Bachelorette (special packages avail- able)
Friday: Yard Goats RH Noah Davis vs RH Noah Skirrow, 7:05 p.m.
Los Chivos de Hartford (Goats play as Los Chivoas, celebrate culture of Colombia)
Saturday: Yard Goats RH Karl Kauffmann vs LH Ethan Lindow, 6:05 p.m.
Post Game Fireworks
Sunday: Yard Goats RH Noah Gotsis vs LH Ethan Evanko, 1:05 p.m.
Pink in the Park to celebrate breast cancer survivors

How to watch/listen

Radio — FM 100.9 or AM 1410 WPOP; Video Stream — MiLB.tv;

Internet — newsradio1410.iheart. com (iHeartRadio app)
For tickets and information: Visit yardgoatsbaseball.com or call 860-246-4628.

Tovar’s monster season continues

Shortstop Ezequiel Tovar, one of the Rockies top prospects, contin- ues to put together a huge season in Hartford. He’s on an 11-game hitting streak. Tovar leads the East- ern League in hits (55), ranks second in slugging (.601) and on-base plus slugging (1.013), third in batting average (.327), tied for fourth in homers (10) and sixth in RBI (30). He’s stolen 16 bases, caught only once, all from one of the youngest players in the league; Tovar turns 21 on Aug. 1. ... First baseman Michael Toglia is fourth in the EL in RBI with 31. Aaron Schunk is tied for the league lead in doubles.

Players to watch

Reading (17-19) is fourth in the Northeast Division. Catcher Logan

O’Hoppe is hitting .300 with eight homers and 24 RBI, first baseman Josh Ockimey is hitting .252 with six homers and 19 RBI and DH Vito Friscia is hitting .210 with six homers and 20 RBI. O’Hoppe and McArthur are among the Phil- lies’ top 20 prospects, according to Baseball America. Wallingford’s Sal Gozzo, a versatile infielder, is on the Reading roster.

About Reading

Organized baseball was played in Reading, by the Reading AC, as early as 1858. The city joined the Eastern League in 1933, and has been Philadelphia’s affiliate since 1967, which is tied with the Lake- land and the Tigers for the longest partnership between a major and minor league franchise. The team was known as the Phillies until 2012, when it rebranded as the “Fightin’ Phils,” or sometimes referred to as the “Fightins.” Shawn Williams is in this third season as manager.

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METS

Bassitt quickly becoming anchor for Mets rotation

By Sarah Valenzuela
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Chris Bassitt’s early career as a Mets starter has not gone unnoticed.

It’s had its highs, like the four wins and one no decision he picked up in which he did not allow more than one run to score on his watch in those games.

It’s had some tough lows, like the two losses plus two more no decision games in which he gave up three or more earned runs. The worst of those outings came in San Francisco against the Giants on May 24, when his ERA shot up to 3.91 after giving up eight earned runs on eight hits.

He’s still played a big part of, now six Met wins, if you include his quality starts that resulted in two no decisions. Sunday certainly was a welcome rebound for Bassitt from his last brutal outing in San Francisco—made more special with the Mets’ 10-inning, walk-off win over the Phillies.

“It was good. A lot better,” Bassitt said of his night. “Me and [Jeremy Hefner] worked our butt off this whole week just fixing some things up both mechanically and especially to lefty hitters.”

Bassitt said he’s been struggling to find the right off-speed pitch to throw to lefty batters, since he didn’t really have many opportunities to do so over seven seasons playing in the American League.

“Obviously there’s some quality lefty hitters in the AL,” Bassitt said, “but the best lefty hitters are in the NL.... Just been an adjust- ment. I give Hef a ton of credit for sticking with me

and trusting me and saying ‘this is what you do.’”

Bassitt retired six of his first seven batters on Sunday before load- ing the bases on a double, to lefty Odubel Herrera, and back to back walks, to switch-hitter Johan Camargo and lefty Kyle Schwarber, in the third inning. The Mets bailed him out by turn- ing a double play on Alec Bohm’s grounder, which still allowed Herrera to score. He got out of the inning after walking one more batter, lefty Bryce Harper, and striking out Nick Castellanos.

He walked off the mound breathing a sigh of relief that the inning was over and the damage was kept to a minimum.

“Couple breaks,” Bassitt said of that long inning, saying he was able to recol- lect himself thanks to a replay break and Hefner making a visit to the mound. “I got lucky with that one.”

The Phillies made Bassitt work some more after that inning—he reached 100 pitches by the end of the sixth inning— but he waved off the following innings after the third as not being a prob- lem. He attributed his bounce back from the one rough inning to the condi- tioning pitchers do.

He was able to finish with just the one earned run on two hits with three batters walked and seven strikeouts over six innings.

“I really wanna start eating a lot more innings than six innings. I’m tired of going just six,” Bassitt said. “But you rack your pitch count up that high, it kind of sucks.”



Mets pitcher Chris Bassitt reacts after the Phillies’ Nick Castellanos fouled off one of his pitches during the sixth inning Sunday in New York. MARY ALTAFFER/AP

Cora on Martinez’s ridiculous season: ‘He’s Ichiro right now’

By Jason Mastrodonato
Boston Herald

BOSTON — It’s been almost 30 years since Tony Gwynn hit .394.

There are two months down and four to go, but J.D. Martinez’s scorching-hot month of May has kept his batting average hovering around .380, a mark that no qualified big leaguer has touched since Gwynn did it with the 1994 Padres.

The last four big leaguers to hit .380 were Gwynn, George Brett (.390, ‘80 Royals), Rod Carew (.388, ‘77 Twins) and Ted Williams (.388, ‘57 Red Sox).

The last player to hit .370 was Ichiro Suzuki, who hit .372 for the ‘04 Mariners.

Martinez entered Memorial Day with an MLB-best .379 average.

“We joke with him, he’s Ichiro right now,” manager Alex Cora said. “A lot of singles.”

He has just five homers in 173 plate appearances, but his 35% line drive rate is the highest of his career.

“I think the way they’re pitching him too, he’s not getting greedy,” Cora said. “He’s just staying with his swing. He’s hitting the ball hard. Those line drives in the gap are going to become homers in a few weeks.”

Despite a career .292 average, Martinez has never won a batting title. But Cora is seeing a different player this year, as home runs across the league are down about 20% and Martinez entered Monday with his lowest home run rate (2.9% of his plate appearances) since 2013, when the Houston Astros infamously released him.

“He’s not deviating from what he wants

to accomplish,” Cora said. “What he wants to do is put a quality at-bat every single time. Even against (position player Josh) Harrison the other day, he was upset he swung under it instead of on top of it. He gets on top of it, the ball probably goes out of the ballpark.

“He’s controlling the zone better now than in the past. He’s taking his walks. There are certain times, I think the first long hitting streak, at one point it was 12 games, and it was like 12 games with no walks. I think now he’s taking shots in the zone and if it’s not there he takes his walks, which is great.”

Despite the lack of power, Martinez’s 1.028 OPS and 189 OPS-plus currently rank as career-highs, albeit with ⅔ of the season yet to go.

He’s also getting lucky.

Nearly 50% of the balls Martinez has put into play this year have turned into hits. His .482 batting average on balls in play is astro- nomically high, usually an indication that a player is over-performing. His career BABIP is .346, and he’s never had a BABIP higher than .389.

He’s actually not hitting the ball as hard this year as he usually does, but Martinez’s ability to barrel the baseball and hit line drives has never been better.

The Sox will happily take this production out of Martinez, even if he’s on pace to hit just 16 home runs. Before Ichiro in 2004, there hasn’t been a player who hit .370 with as few as 16 homers since Gwynn in ‘94.

It’s a stretch to compare Martinez to Gwynn or Ichiro just two months into the season, but that’s why Cora said it’s only a joke.

For now.

Yankees

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ballclub here that’s been grinding out these first two months. We got hit with a couple injuries the last couple of weeks, but that’s not going to change what this team is about and what we can do.”

The Yankees have had their first real test due to injuries. They will head into Tuesday night’s series opener against the Angels at the Stadium without Giancarlo Stanton

(ankle), Josh Donaldson (shoulder), Aroldis Chapman (Achilles), Jona- than Loaisiga (shoulder) and Chad Green (Tommy John surgery). DJ LeMahieu missed time last week with a wrist injury and Aaron Hicks was out two games with right hamstring tightness, but both avoided trips to the injured list.

After avoiding injuries all spring and the first month of the regular season, the Yankees had a bunch over the last week. Still, they kept stride, splitting the series with the Rays to improve to 19-10 in the AL

East and maintain their 4.5 game lead on them in the division.

Their pitching has been brilliant. The starters’ combined 2.82 ERA is the best in the AL and their overall 2.90 ERA is the second best in the league, behind the Astros. Nestor Cortes’ 1.80 ERA, which is the second best in the big leagues behind the Rangers’ Martin Perez’s 1.70, has been a huge factor in their success. Yankees pitchers have posted 444 strikeouts over 430.1 innings pitched, which is the best in the AL and third in the majors. Gerrit Cole’s

team-leading 72 is fifth best in the big leagues.

Despite scoring just five runs over the last three games against very good Rays’ pitching, they are second in the AL in runs scored, behind the Red Sox, and tied with the Dodgers for the most homers (67) in the big leagues.

That’s obviously thanks to Judge, who leads the big leagues with 18 homers. They are second in the AL in slugging (.406) behind the Red Sox. Their +71 run differential is the best in the AL and second only to the Dodgers’ +119 in baseball.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	33	15	.688	—	—	5-5	L-2	17-7	16-8
Tampa Bay	28	19	.596	4 ½	—	6-4	W-2	17-11	11-8
Toronto	27	20	.574	5 ½	—	7-3	W-5	14-8	13-12
Boston	23	25	.479	10	3 ½	7-3	W-1	12-12	11-13
Baltimore	20	29	.408	13 ½	7	5-5	L-1	12-11	8-18

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	29	20	.592	—	—	6-4	L-1	17-11	12-9
Chicago	23	23	.500	4 ½	2 ½	5-5	W-1	11-13	12-10
Cleveland	19	24	.442	7	5	3-7	L-1	8-8	11-16
Detroit	18	29	.383	10	8	5-5	W-2	12-14	6-15
Kansas City	16	30	.348	11 ½	9 ½	2-8	L-1	8-15	8-15

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	31	18	.633	—	—	6-4	W-2	14-6	17-12
Los Angeles	27	22	.551	4	—	3-7	L-5	15-13	12-9
Texas	22	24	.478	7 ½	3 ½	5-5	L-1	10-12	12-12
Seattle	20	28	.417	10 ½	6 ½	3-7	L-1	12-10	8-18
Oakland	20	31	.392	12	8	3-7	L-1	7-18	13-13

BOX SCORES

DETROIT 7, MINNESOTA 5

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Arraez 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.360
Garlick lf	5	0	0	0	1	.250
Polanco ss	4	0	1	0	1	.234
Sanchez c	4	2	2	1	0	.235
Larnach rf	3	0	0	0	1	.300
Ursula 3b	4	2	3	1	0	.272
Miranda 1b	4	1	2	2	0	.183
Gordon cf	4	0	1	0	0	.270
Jeffers dh	3	0	0	0	2	.193
a-Buxton ph	1	0	0	0	1	.203
TOTALS	36	5	10	4	7	
Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
H.Castro dh	5	0	0	0	2	.306
Schoop 2b	5	1	3	0	1	.185
Baez ss	5	0	1	0	1	.195
Candelario 3b	5	2	2	1	1	.198
Torkelson 1b	4	2	3	1	1	.194
W.Castro lf	3	0	2	2	0	.287
Cameron rf	3	0	0	0	0	.156
Barnhart c	4	0	0	0	1	.233
Hill cf	3	2	2	1	0	.250
TOTALS	37	7	13	5	7	

Minnesota	010	210	010	—	5	10	2
Detroit	001	201	21x	—	7	13	1

a-struck out for Jeffers in the 9th.
E: Miranda (2), Ushela (4), W.Castro (3). **LOB:** Minnesota 6, Detroit 9.
2B: Ushela (4), Torkelson (5), Schoop (8). **3B:** Schoop (1).
HR: Sanchez (5), off Brieske; Miranda (2), off Brieske; Ushela (5), off Brieske; Hill (1), off Bundy.
RBIs: Sanchez (22), Miranda 2 (7), Ushela (21), Hill (3), Torkelson (12), W.Castro 2 (7), Candelario (16).
Runners left in scoring position: Minnesota 3 (Jeffers 2, Miranda 2); Detroit 2 (W.Castro, Barnhart).
RISP: Minnesota 0for 4; Detroit 5for 12.
Runners moved up: Gordon.
GDP: Garlick.
DP: Detroit 1 (Baez, Schoop, Torkelson).

MINNESOTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bundy	6	9	4	4	0	3	4.76
Smith, L, 1-1	⅔	3	2	1	0	0	1.69
Megill	1⅔	1	1	0	2	4	1.35
DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Brieske	5⅔	6	4	4	2	4	5.25
Jimenez, W, 2-0	1⅔	1	0	0	0	1	3.00
Lange, H, 6	1	2	1	0	0	1	1.37
Soto, S, 9-10	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.16
Pitches-Strikes:	Bundy 95-64; Smith 16-12; Megill 34-21; Brieske 91-57; Jiménez 18-14; Lange 16-12; Soto 17-11.						
Inherited runners-scored:	Megill 1-0.						
HBP:	Bundy (W.Castro). WP: Megill, Brieske. PB: Sanchez (3).						
Umpires:	Home, Chad Whitson; First, Hunter Wendelstedt; Second, Adam Hamari; Third, Shane Livensparger. T: 3:04. A: 15,191(41,083).						

SAN FRANCISCO 5, PHILADELPHIA 4 (10)

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
La Stella dh	3	0	0	0	0	.256
a-Ruf ph-dh	2	0	0	0	1	.219
Ystrzyski cf-rf	3	1	1	0	0	.298
Flores 1b	5	1	1	2	0	.258
Pederson lf	3	0	1	0	0	.267
Crawford ss	3	0	0	0	0	.222
Longoria 3b	4	1	1	1	3	.241
Gonzalez rf	4	0	1	0	1	.323
Fairchild cf	0	1	0	0	0	.000
Walton 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.222
Casali c	4	1	1	2	1	.262
TOTALS	35	5	6	5	7	
Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Schwarber lf	4	1	2	1	1	.188
Segura 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.274
Harper dh	4	0	0	0	2	.305
Castellanos rf	4	1	2	1	1	.263
1-Quinn pr-cf	0	1	0	0	0	.167
Hoskins 1b	4	1	1	1	1	.215
Bohm 3b	3	0	0	1	1	.269
Moniak cf-rf	4	0	0	0	3	.000
Stubbs c	3	0	0	0	1	.344
Camargo ss	3	0	0	0	1	.250
TOTALS	33	4	5	4	12	

San Francisco	000	002	001	2	—	5	6
Philadelphia	010	100	001	1	—	4	0

a-flied out for La Stella in the 8th.
1-ran for Castellanos in the 9th.
LOB: San Francisco 5, Philadelphia 1.
HR: Flores (5), off Gibson; Longoria (5), off Knebel; Casali (4), off Bellatti; Castellanos (7), off Webb; Hoskins (8), off Webb; Schwarber (11), off Webb.
RBIs: Flores 2 (27), Longoria (11), Casali 2 (12), Castellanos (28), Hoskins (24), Schwarber (23), Bohm (18).
CS: Gonzalez (2), Quinn (1). **SF:** Bohm.
Runners left in scoring position: San Francisco 1 (Crawford); Philadelphia 0.
RISP: San Francisco 1for 3; Philadelphia 0for 1. **Runners moved up:** HBKs.
SAN FRANCISCOIP H R ER BB SO ERA
Webb 8 4 3 3 0 10 3.52
Leone, W, 3-0 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 3.18
Doval, S, 8-9 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 3.26
PHILADELPHIAIP H R ER BB SO ERA
Gibson 6 3 2 0 2 1 4 3.83
Familia 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 4.00
Hand 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 2.29
Knebel 1 2 1 1 0 0 3.43
Bellatti, L, 1-1 1 2 1 1 1 2 2.93
HBP: Gibson 2 (Pederson,Crawford).
Umpires: Home, Sean Barber; First, David Rackley; Second, Larry Vanover; Third, Junior Valentine. T: 3:13. A: 26,650(42,792).

ON THIS DATE

MAY 31
1914: Joseph Benz of the White Sox pitched a no-hitter against the Cleveland Indians for a 6-1 victory.

1927: Detroit first baseman Johnny Neun made an unassisted triple play against Cleveland. He caught Home Summa's liner, tagged Charlie Jamieson between first and second and then touched second base before Glenn Myatt could return. The Tigers beat the Indians 1-0.

1937: Carl Hubbell's 24-game winning streak ended with a 10-3 loss to the Brooklyn Dodgers. Hubbell's last defeat came on July 13, 1936, 1-0 to the Chicago Cubs.

1944: Al Unser's only home run of the year, a pinch-hit grand slam with two outs in the bottom of the ninth, helped the Detroit Tigers beat the New York Yankees 6-2.

1964: The New York Mets and the San Francisco Giants played the longest doubleheader in major league history -- 9 hours, 52 minutes -- with the help of a 23-inning game in the nightcap that was won by the visiting Giants 8-6 on

ST. LOUIS 6, SAN DIEGO 3

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Profar lf	5	0	3	1	2	.233
Machado 3b	5	0	1	1	2	.353
Hosmer 1b	5	0	0	0	1	.312
Voit dh	4	0	0	0	2	.202
Cronenworth 2b4	1	2	0	1	1	.213
Kim ss	3	0	1	0	2	.225
Nola c	4	0	2	1	1	.223
Grisham cf	4	0	0	0	2	.160
Azocar rf	3	2	2	0	0	.259
TOTALS	37	3	11	3	13	
St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Edman ss-2b	5	1	2	1	1	.282
Gorman 2b	3	2	3	2	0	.387
Dickerson lf	1	0	0	0	1	.180
Goldschmidt 1b3	1	1	2	0	0	.352
Arenado 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.265
Yezzer lf	3	0	1	0	1	.276
1-Nootbaar pr-rf0	1	0	0	0	0	.115
Pujols dh	2	0	0	0	0	.213
Molina c	4	0	1	1	0	.235
Donovan rf	2	1	1	0	0	.294
a-Sosa ph-ss	1	0	0	0	1	.224
Bader cf	4	0	1	0	0	.255
TOTALS	32	6	10	6	4	

San Diego	001	001	001	—	3	11	0
St. Louis	002	010	30x	—	6	10	0

a-struck out for Donovan in the 7th.
1-ran for Yezep in the 7th. **LOB:** San Diego 9, St. Louis 8. **2B:** Azocar (2), Cronenworth (8), Molina (4).
HR: Gorman (2), off Martinez; Goldschmidt (11), off Wilson.
RBIs: Profar (23), Nola (14), Machado (28), Gorman 2 (7), Edman (22), Goldschmidt 2 (42), Molina (9).
SB: Edman (11).
Runners left in scoring position: San Diego 1 (Grisham); St. Louis 3 (Sosa 2, Bader). **RISP:** San Diego 3for 6; St. Louis 2for 6. **GIDP:** Hosmer, Arenado.
DP: San Diego 1 (Machado, Cronenworth, Hosmer); St. Louis 1 (Edman, Sosa, Goldschmidt).

SAN DIEGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Martinez, L, 2-3	6	7	3	3	4	2	3.94
Wilson	⅔	3	3	3	2	0	5.09
Hill	1⅔	0	0	0	0	2	6.10
ST. LOUIS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Naughton	2⅔	2	1	1	0	4	3.09
Pallante, W, 1-0	⅔	3	1	0	0	5	1.07
Galleghis, H, 1	1	2	0	0	0	2	3.06
Cabrera, H, 7	1	0	0	0	1	1	2.14
Helsley	1⅔	2	1	1	1	0	0.51
Pitches-Strikes:	Martinez 93-58; Wilson 32-20; Hill 15-11; Naughton 40-24; Pallante 53-37; Galleghis 25-16; Cabrera 17-9; Helsley 19-13.						
Inherited runners-scored:	Hill 2-0, Pallante 1-1, Galleghis 1-1, Cabrera 1-0, Helsley 1-0.						
Umpires:	Home, Lance Barksdale; First, Ted Barrett; Second, Nestor Ceja; Third, Chris Segal. T: 3:33. A: 42,140(45,494).						

HOUSTON 5, OAKLAND 1

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	4	1	2	2	1	.286
Dubon 2b	1	0	0	0	0	.167
Brantley dh	5	0	0	0	0	.272
Bregman 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.230
Alvarez lf	4	2	2	1	2	.260
Gurriel 1b	3	0	0	0	0	.217
Pena ss	4	0	0	0	2	.282
McCormick rf	3	0	0	0	0	.213
Siri cf	3	1	1	0	1	.223
Maldonado c	4	1	1	1	2	.127
TOTALS	34	5	6	5	7	
Oakland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Laureano rf	4	0	1	1	2	.217
Prider lf-3b	4	0	0	0	2	.256
Murphy dh	4	0	0	0	1	.227
Lowrie c	1	0	0	0	0	.206
Andrus ss	3	0	0	0	0	.233
Bethancourt 1b3	0	0	0	0	1	.228
Neuse 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.235
Smith 3b	2	0	1	0	1	.203
1-Brown pr-lf	1	1	0	0	0	.207
Pache cf	2	0	0	0	0	.170
TOTALS	27	1	2	1	7	

Houston	000	130	010	—	5	6	0
Oakland	000	001	000	—	1	2	1

1-ran for Smith in the 6th.
E: Smith (2). **LOB:** Houston 6, Oakland 2.
2B: Smith (9). **3B:** Siri (2).
HR: Alvarez (13), off Blackburn; Altuve (10), off Blackburn; Alvarez (14), off Puk.
RBIs: Alvarez 2 (28), Maldonado (11), Altuve 2 (16), Laureano (4). **SB:** Siri (6).
Runners left in scoring position: Houston 2 (Siri, Brantley); Oakland 0.
RISP: Houston 1for 5; Oakland 1for 2.
GIDP: Pinder, Andrus.
DP: Houston 2 (Pena, Altuve, Gurriel; Pena, Altuve, Gurriel).

HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Valdez, W, 5-2	9	2	1	1	3	7	2.57
OAKLAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Blackburn, L, 5-1	6⅔	5	4	4	0	5	2.15
Puk	⅔	1	1	1	0	0	1.37
Markel	⅔	0	0	0	2	2	0.00
Tapia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Pitches-Strikes:	Valdez 114-75; Blackburn 91-62; Puk 13-9; Markel 24-12; Tapia 20-13.						
Inherited runners-scored:	Puk 1-0.						
HBP:	Blackburn 2 (Bregman,Siri).						
Umpires:	Home, Stu Scheuwater; First, Manny Gonzalez; Second, Mike Muhlinski; Third, CB Bucknor. T: 2:58. A: 8,753(46,847).						

run-scoring hits by Del Crandall and Felipe Alou against Galen Cisco. The second game took 7:23 to play.

1970: Chicago's Luis Aparicio and Walt Williams each collect five hits in a 22-13 rout of the Boston Red Sox. Williams also scored five times. The two teams collected 40 hits, one short of the AL record set in 1950.

1980: Ken Landreaux went 0-for-4 in Minnesota's 11-1 loss to Baltimore, ending his hitting streak at 31 consecutive games. It was the longest streak in the American League since Dom DiMaggio's 34-game streak in 1949.

1997: Ila Borders became the first woman to pitch in a regular-season professional game, in the sixth inning of the St. Paul Saints' Northern League game against Sioux Falls. She gave up three earned runs without getting an out.

1999: Umpire Frank Pulli used TV replay to take away a home run from Florida's Cliff Floyd in the fifth inning of the Marlins' 5-2 loss to St. Louis.

2008: Manny Ramirez of the Boston Red Sox hit career homer No. 500, a drive off Baltimore right-hander Chad Bradford to become the 24th major

SCOREBOARD

NBA				
FINALS SCHEDULE				
#2 Boston vs. #2 Golden State				
G1: Thursday: vs. Golden State, 9 p.m.				
G2: Sunday: vs. Golden State, 8 p.m.				
G3: June 8: Gat Boston, 9 p.m.				
G4: June 10: at Boston, 9 p.m.				
x-G5: June 13: at Golden State, 9 p.m.				
x-G6: June 16: at Boston, 9 p.m.				
x-G7: June 19: vs. Golden State, 8 p.m.				
EAST CONFERENCE FINALS				
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)				
#2 Boston 4, #1 Miami 3				
May 17: Miami 118-107				
May 19: Boston 127-102				
May 21: Miami 109-103				
May 23: Boston 102-82				
May 25: Boston 93-80				
May 27: Miami 111-103				
Sunday: Boston 100-96.				

EAST FINALS SERIES STATS				
CELTICS D. HEAT 4-3				
BOSTON	G	PPG	RPG	APG
Jayson Tatum	7	25.0	8.3	5.6
Jaylen Brown	7	24.1	7.1	3.0
Marcus Smart	5	16.6	6.2	6.2
Grant Williams	7	8.7	4.1	0.6
Derrick White	6	10.0	2.8	3.7
Al Horford	6	9.8	10.0	3.7
Robert Williams	6	9.2	6.0	3.3
Payton Pritchard	7	6.4	1.4	1.9
Daniel Theis	4	3.8	2.8	1.0
Nik Stauskas	4	2.0	0.3	0.5
Luke Kornet	3	0.7	0.7	0.0
Aaron Nesmith	6	0.3	1.2	0.0
Juwan Morgan	4	0.3	0.5	0.0
Malik Fitts	3	0.0	0.0	0.3
Team	7	105.0	44.9	22.9

CELTICS	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA
Tatum	54	117	18	51	49	57
Ja. Brown	59	121	19	47	32	44
Smart	27	75	11	38	18	21
G.Williams	17	41	7	18	20	23
D.White	21	50	7	21	11	16
Horford	20	45	9	23	10	12
R. Williams	19	27	0	0	17	18
Pritchard	16	36	10	27	3	4
Theis	7	9	0	0	1	2
Stauskas	2	6	2	5	2	2
Kornet	1	2	0	0	0	0
Nesmith	1	9	0	7	0	1
Morgan	0	1	0	1	1	2
Fitts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team	244	539	83	238	164	201

MIAMI	G	PPG	RPG	APG
Jimmy Butler	7	25.6	7.0	3.4
Bam Adebayo	7	15.0	8.4	2.6
Victor Oladipo	7	9.7	3.0	1.7
Gabe Vincent	7	8.7	1.3	2.7
Kyle Strus	7	8.3	3.6	2.0
Max Lowry	5	9.4	3.6	4.2
P.J. Tucker	7	6.4	5.7	1.4
Caleb Martin	6	7.3	3.5	0.3
Tyler Herro	4	9.3	2.8	2.5
Duncan Robinson	5	6.6	2.8	0.8
Dewayne Dedmon	4	3.8	2.3	0.3
Omer Yurtseven	3	2.0	1.3	0.7
Haywood Highsmith	3	0.0	1.3	0.3
Team	7	99.7	40.6	19.7

HEAT	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA
Butler	62	130	7	24	48	54
Adebayo	47	79	0	1	11	17
Oladipo	19	62	8	29	22	29
Vincent	20	52	12	34	9	9
Strus	20	66	14	48	4	4
Lowry	14	49	8	30	11	14
Tucker	15	39	8	20	7	12
Martin	18	37	7	15	1	2
Herro	16	43	1	15	4	4
Robinson	13	33	7	24	0	0
Dedmon	6	10	1	2	2	2
Yurtseven	3	6	0	0	0	0
Highsmith	0	2	0	1	0	0
Team	253	608	73	243	119	147

WNBA				
EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	6	2	.750	
Washington	6	3	.667	½
Atlanta	5	3	.625	1
Chicago	4	3	.571	1½
Indiana	3	7	.300	4
New York	1	7	.125	5
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	8	1	.889	
Dallas	5	3	.625	2½
Seattle	5	3	.625	2½
Los Angeles	4	6	.400	4½
Phoenix	2	6	.250	5½
Minnesota	2	7	.222	6

MONDAY'S GAMES
No games scheduled.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Washington at Indiana, 7p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 8p.m.
Connecticut at Las Vegas, 10p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Indiana at New York, 7p.m.
Minnesota at Atlanta, 7p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Atlanta 81, Phoenix 54
Seattle 92, New York 61
Los Angeles 85, Minnesota 83

USFL				
<i>All games in Birmingham, Ala.</i>				
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT PF PA
New Jersey	6	1	0	.857 152 118
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571 176 177
Michigan	1	6	0	.143 131 144
Pittsburgh	1	6	0	.143 92 164
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT PF PA
x-Birmingham	7	0	0	1.000 188 125
New Orleans	5	2	0	.714 167 128
Tampa Bay	3	4	0	.429 125 154
Houston	1	6	0	.143 156 177
<i>x-clinched playoff berth</i>				

WEEK 7
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Birmingham 26, Pittsburgh 16
Philadelphia 35, Houston 24

WEEK 8
FRIDAY'S GAME
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAME
New Orleans at Birmingham, 3p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Michigan at Philadelphia, noon
Houston at Tampa Bay, 4p.m.

ODDS				
MLB	NATIONAL LEAGUE	TUESDAY		
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE	
at Philadelphia	-130	San Francisco	+110	
at NY Mets	-165	Washington	+145	
at St. Louis	-123	San Diego	+103	
at Chi. Cubs	off	Milwaukee	off	
at Colorado	off	Miami	off	
Atlanta	-167	at Arizona	+148	
at LA Dodgers	off	Pittsburgh	off	
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
Minnesota	-142	at Det. (G1)	+132	
at Cleveland	-157	Kansas City	+128	
at Baltimore	off	Seattle	off	
at NY Yankees	-135	LA Angels	+115	
at Toronto	-157	Chi. White Sox	+137	
Minnesota	-142	at Det. (G2)	+122	
at Texas	off	Tampa Bay	off	
Houston	-143	at Oakland	+123	
INTERLEAGUE				
at Boston	off	Cincinnati	off	

NBA FINALS	THURSDAY
FAVORITE	LINE
at Golden State 3	21½
ODDS TO WIN NBA FINALS series	
Golden State	-150
Boston	+130
SERIES CORRECT SCORE	
Warriors defeat Celtics 4-3	+350
Celtics defeat Warriors 4-2	+375
Warriors defeat Celtics 4-2	+375
Warriors defeat Celtics 4-1	+450
Celtics defeat Warriors 4-3	+650
Celtics defeat Warriors 4-1	+850
Warriors defeat Celtics 4-0	+1200
Celtics defeat Warriors 4-0	+1400

NHL CUP PLAYOFFS	TUESDAY
FAVORITE	LINE
at Colorado	-184
Edmonton	+152
<i>For the latest odds, go to</i>	
<i>FanDuel Sportsbook,</i>	
<i>https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/</i>	

NHL				
STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS				
SECOND ROUND				
<i>(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)</i>				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Carolina 3, N.Y. Rangers 3				
May 18: Carolina 2-1 (OT)				
May 20: Carolina 2-0				
May 22: at N.Y. Rangers 3-1				
May 24: N.Y. Rangers 4-1				
May 26: Carolina 3-1.				
May 28: N.Y. Rangers 5-2				
Monday: at Carolina, late				

Tampa Bay 4, Florida 0
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Edmonton 4, Calgary 1

Colorado 4, St. Louis 2
CONFERENCE FINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Tampa Bay vs. Carolina/NY Rangers
Wed.: at Carolina/Rangers, 8 p.m.
Friday: at Carolina/NY Rangers, 8 p.m.
Sunday: at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.
June 7: at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
x-June 9: at Carolina/Rangers, 8 p.m.
x-June 11: at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
x-June 14: at Carolina/Rangers, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Colorado vs. Edmonton
Tuesday: at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Thursday: at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Saturday: at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
June 6: at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
x-June 8: at Colorado, TBA
x-June 10: at Edmonton, TBA
x-June 12: at Colorado, TBA

SOCCER				
MLS	EASTERN	W	L	T PT GF GA
New York City FC	8	3	2	26 25 10
Philadelphia	6	1	7	25 19 10
CF Montréal	7	5	2	23 28 26
N.Y. Red Bulls	6	3	5	23 24 15
Orlando City	6	5	3	21 17 20
Cincinnati	6	7	1	19 21 25
Inter Miami CF	5	6	3	18 15 22
Charlotte FC	5	8	1	16 13 18
Columbus	4	5	4	16 17 16
Atlanta	4	5	4	16 20 20
New England	4	5	4	16 22 23
Toronto FC	4	7	3	15 21 27
D.C. United	4	7	2	14 17 23
Chicago	2	7	5	11 13 20
WESTERN	W	L	T PT GF GA	
Los Angeles FC	9	3	2	29 29 16
FC Dallas	7	3	4	25 24 13
Real Salt Lake	7	3	4	25 17 17
Austin FC	7	4	3	24 28 18
LA Galaxy	7	5	2	23 17 15
Nashville	6	4	4	22 18 16
Houston	5	6	3	18 17 17
Minnesota United	5	6	3	18 15 15
Colorado	5	6	3	18 16 17
Seattle	5	6	1	16 15 16
Portland	3	6	6	15 21 25
Vancouver	4	7	2	14 14 23
San Jose	3	6	5	14 25 32
Sporting KC	3	8	4	13 13 26
Three points for win, one point for tie.				

SATURDAY'S MATCH
Real Salt Lake at Vancouver, 7p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
LA Galaxy 4, Austin FC 1
Seattle 2, Charlotte FC 1

NWSL CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego FC	4	2	0	12	8	3
OL Reign	2	1	3	9	5	4
Angel City FC	3	2	0	9	4	3
Houston	2	1	2	8	6	3
Louisville	2	2	2	8	6	6
Orlando	2	2	2	8	9	12
Chicago	2	1	1	7	9	7
Portland	1	1	3	6	6	5
Washington	1	1	3	6	5	5
Gotham FC	2	2	0	6	4	5
Kansas City	1	4	1	4	3	9
North Carolina	0	3	1	1	3	6
Three points for win, one point for tie.						

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Lewandowski: Time at Bayern ‘over’



Robert Lewandowski’s time at Bayern Munich appears to be over. The Poland striker, who has been linked with a move to Barcelona, said at a news conference ahead of his national team’s training camp Monday in Warsaw that a transfer would be the best outcome for all sides. “... One thing is certain, that my story with Bayern Munich is over,” said Lewandowski, whose contract with the Bavarian club runs for another season. There have been contrasting claims about an extension offer from Bayern. The club said Lewandowski rejected its offer, while his agent said no offer was ever made. Lewandowski added: “I am aware the transfer will be the best solution for both parties. I believe that Bayern will not stop me just because it has the opportunity.” Zahavi and Barcelona have reportedly verbally agreed on a three-year deal for the 33-year-old Lewandowski, but Bayern has been firm in its stance that the player isn’t for sale. Lewandowski winner of the FIFA best men’s player award in 2020 and 2021, has 312 goals in 384 Bundesliga games for Bayern and former club Borussia Dortmund.

Finally, it’s the Finals for Horford



The game was over. So, finally, was Al Horford’s journey. He grabbed what would be the final rebound of the Eastern Conference finals, threw the ball skyward, sprinted to join his teammates in celebration and then dropped to his knees to slap the floor. His time has come. The oldest player — by six years — on the Celtics’ roster will savor this trip to the NBA Finals in ways that his teammates simply cannot. He will finally play in the title series, with the Celtics set to open the matchup against the Warriors on Thursday, one day before Horford’s 36th birthday. “Nobody deserves it more,” Celtics guard Jaylen Brown said. Nobody in the history of the NBA has played more playoff games without making the finals than Horford; Sunday’s East title-clinching win was his 141st postseason appearance. Horford didn’t know what the moment — making the finals — would be like. Turns out, it was better than he envisioned. “Just ... excited,” Horford said. “... I’ve been a part of a lot of great teams, a lot of great teammates, and I’m so proud of this group. ... I’m really grateful to be in this position.”

Swiatek’s winning streak reaches 32



The loss of one set by a player is normally not the stuff of headlines at a Grand Slam tournament. That did constitute news at the French Open on Monday, because the player was top-ranked Iga Swiatek and it had been more than a month since that happened to her. The way it came about was noteworthy, too: She led the first set of her fourth-round match against 74th-ranked Zheng Qinwen of China 3-0, then 5-2, and was a point from claiming it on five occasions but couldn’t seal the deal. Swiatek entered the day having won 20 sets in a row, and 48 of her preceding 49. All that truly mattered, in the end, was that 2020 champion Swiatek wouldn’t lose another set on this cloudy evening, getting past the hard-swinging Zheng 6-7 (5), 6-0, 6-2 to return to the quarterfinals at Roland Garros and run her winning streak to 32 consecutive matches. The 20-year-old Swiatek has won her last five tournaments, going unbeaten since February for the WTA’s longest such stretch since Serena Williams compiled a 34-match run in 2013. Next to try to stop Swiatek will be 11th-seeded Jessica Pegula. —AP



Jayson Tatum passes the ball during the Celtics’ series-clinching victory against the Heat on Sunday night. ANDY LYONS/GETTY

NBA FINALS EARLY LOOK

‘Nothing is guaranteed’

Celtics, Warriors grateful for chance to play for title

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

MIAMI — Somewhere, Gregg Popovich must be pleased. Ime Udoka and Steve Kerr played for Popovich on the Spurs, both served as assistant coaches under him, and neither makes any effort to hide the affinity they have for the NBA’s career victory leader. And now, Udoka and Kerr are about to go head-to-head — in the NBA Finals. The title matchup is set: It’ll be Udoka and the Eastern Conference champion Celtics facing Kerr and the Western Conference champion Warriors, a series that begins Thursday night in San Francisco. The teams split their two regular-season meetings, each winning on the other’s home floor. The Warriors have been waiting for an opponent since this last Thursday after needing only five games to beat the Mavericks for the West title. The Celtics got there the hard way, winning Game 7 in Miami on Sunday night to capture the East. “We stayed with it. We believed in each other. We made a commitment on the defensive end,” Celtics forward Al Horford said. “That was the biggest thing, defending.” For the Celtics, it’s a chance at an 18th NBA championship — which would break the tie with the Lakers for the most in league history. For the Warriors, it’s a chance at a seventh

crown — which would break a tie with the Bulls for third-most in league history. It’s also a rematch of the 1964 finals, when Bill Russell and the Celtics topped the Warriors in five games. “I’ve said it many times: You go to the finals, it’s almost a two-month journey filled with stress and fatigue and everything else,” said Kerr, who gave his team Friday and Saturday off before bringing them back to work Sunday. “So, if you can get a little bit of a break, it’s very meaningful. Hopefully, we can get healthy and have a few days of really good prep and be ready to go on Thursday.” The Warriors won in Boston 111-107 on Dec. 17, behind 30 points from Stephen Curry. The Celtics rolled on the Warriors’ home floor in the rematch on March 16, winning 110-88 in the game in which Curry injured his foot — and that’s where his regular season ended. Curry was ready to go for the playoffs. So were the rest of the Warriors. They’re 12-4 in the playoffs, getting through the Nuggets, Grizzlies and Mavericks to get to the title round. “It all starts with Steph,” Kerr said. Udoka has a chance to become the 10th coach to win a title in his first season. Eddie Gottlieb (1947 Philadelphia Warriors), Buddy Jeanette (1948 Baltimore Bullets), John Kundla (1949 Minneapolis Lakers), George Senesky (1956 Philadelphia Warriors), Paul Westhead (1980 Los Angeles Lakers), Pat Riley (1982 Lakers), Tyronn Lue (2016 Cavaliers) and Nick Nurse (2019 Raptors) are eight of the coaches who have pulled off the feat. The other name on that list is Kerr

— who did it with the Warriors in 2015, the start of this run of greatness from the franchise. That was the beginning of six finals appearances in eight years, the two exceptions being when injuries and a roster reset kept them from the playoffs in 2020 and 2021. “You can’t take it for granted,” Curry said after the West title series. “Nothing is guaranteed. We understand how hard it is to win.” Udoka played for Popovich and later was a Spurs assistant. Kerr played for the Spurs, then assisted Popovich with USA Basketball at last summer’s Tokyo Olympics — when the Americans won a fourth consecutive gold medal. The Warriors’ Draymond Green was on that Olympic team. So was the Celtics’ Jayson Tatum. They celebrated winning gold together, and now they’ll try to go through one another to get their fingerprints on the gold trophy that goes to the NBA champions — the Larry O’Brien. And if nothing else, a Warriors-Celtics matchup made Green seem prophetic. After the Warriors won the West, Green visited the TNT broadcast set after the game and was prodded by Shaquille O’Neal to say which team from the then-undecided East title series that he would like to play. Green began giving a diplomatic answer, saying that both the Heat and Celtics were tough. O’Neal pressed him to be honest, and Green — never shy with words — gave in. “You’re asking me who I want to play. I’m gonna tell who I think we’re going to play: We’re going to play Boston,” Green said Thursday night. He was right.

FRENCH OPEN

Could be last time for Djokovic-Nadal

By Howard Fendrich | Associated Press

PARIS — This French Open is the first Grand Slam tournament in a year with both Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal in the field. And anyone who enjoys men’s tennis — or, indeed, sports — should be thrilled that those two titans of the game will face each other for a record 59th time. Is it a shame Tuesday night’s match is “only” a quarter-final, instead of something with more at stake? Perhaps. Will that dissuade anyone from watching from afar or dull the atmosphere that’ll envelop Court Philippe Chatrier? Doubtful. Could it decrease the intensity of each player’s performance? Not a chance. “I’m ready for it,” Djokovic said. “I hope to be able to give myself a chance to play at the highest level possible,” Nadal said, “and then let’s see.” So then the question that Nadal will have on his mind — and we know so because he said so — and Djokovic might, too, is: How many more of these showdowns are there going to be? First of all, Nadal turns 36 on Friday; Djokovic turned 35 on May 22, the first day of the French Open. “I don’t know what can happen in the near future with my career,” Nadal said. His body has been a big issue over the last 12 months. He missed the last half of last season, including Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, because of chronic pain in his left foot that flared up again in recent weeks. After his 20-0 start to 2022, he missed three tournaments because of a rib injury. “I can’t complain much,” Nadal said, noting that 2 ½ weeks ago he had no idea whether he’d make it this far. “Being honest, every match that I play here, I don’t know if it’s going to be my last match here in Roland Garros. ... That’s my situation now,” he said after edging 21-year-old Felix Auger-Aliassime in five sets Sunday night. “That’s why I am just trying to enjoy as much as possible.” Auger-Aliassime said Nadal didn’t appear to be hampered or slowed at all during their fourth-round thriller, which lasted nearly 4 ½ hours, almost twice as long as Djokovic’s straight-set win Sunday over 15th-seeded Diego Schwartzman. Djokovic hasn’t dropped a set through four matches. “He’s Novak,” Schwartzman said, “and if you are not 100% ... obviously, the result is like this.” As for Djokovic, his decision to not get vaccinated against COVID-19 prevented him from participating at the Australian Open and, while he’s been assured that won’t be a problem at Wimbledon when it starts June 27, his status for the U.S. Open is uncertain at the moment. Whether statistics, aesthetics or any other measures is applied, both are among the greatest there’s ever been. About that there can be no debate. Both have won every Grand Slam tournament at least twice. Nadal owns a men’s-record 21 Slam titles, a number he reached with a tiebreaking triumph at the Australian Open in January. Djokovic, like Roger Federer, is one behind. Djokovic has all sorts of other bona fides, including more weeks spent at No. 1 in the ATP rankings than anyone else and the only man with at least two trophies from every Masters event. He also leads both Federer and Nadal head to head. Djokovic and Nadal have played each other more frequently than any other pair of men in the half-century-plus of professional tennis. Djokovic leads 30-28 overall; Nadal leads 19-8 on clay, including 7-2 at Roland Garros. Nadal is 109-3 at the French Open, with a record 13 championships, and two of those three losses came against Djokovic, including in the semifinals a year ago en route to the title. Whoever wins will take on third-seeded Alexander Zverev or sixth-seeded Carlos Alcaraz in the semifinals. Alcaraz, the 19-year-old Spaniard considered the Next Big Thing in men’s tennis, knows a significant match when he sees one coming. “If I can,” Alcaraz said about Djokovic vs. Nadal, “I will watch it.”

At a glance

LOOKAHEAD TO TUESDAY: In addition to two men’s quarterfinals, the women’s quarterfinal slate features an all-American match between 18-year-old Coco Gauff and 2017 U.S. Open champ Sloane Stephens, who also was the runner-up at the 2018 French Open. The other match is No. 17 Leylah Fernandez, a 19-year-old Canadian who was a finalist at the U.S. Open in September, against 54th-ranked Martina Trevisan of Italy.

MONDAY’S RESULTS
Women’s fourth round: No. 1 Iga Swiatek beat Zheng Qinwen 6-7 (5), 6-0, 6-2; No. 11 Jessica Pegula beat Irina-Camelia Begu 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; No. 20 Daria Kasatkina beat No. 28 Camila Giorgi 6-2, 6-2; No. 29 Veronika Kudermetova beat No. 22 Madison Keys 1-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Men’s fourth round: No. 20 Marin Cilic beat No. 2 Daniil Medvedev 6-2, 6-3, 6-2; Holger Rune beat No. 4 Stefanos Tsitsipas 7-5, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; No. 7 Andrey Rublev beat No. 11 Jannik Sinner 1-6, 6-4, 2-0, retired; No. 8 Casper Ruud beat No. 12 Hubert Hurkacz 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

WEATHER

TUESDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny, hot and humid. Northwest wind turning east at 5 to 10 mph.

HIGH 93° LOW 56°

WEDNESDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Considerable cloudiness, chance for a few showers and possibly a thunderstorm, cooler.

HIGH 68° LOW 57°

THURSDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mixed clouds and sunshine, warmer.

HIGH 80° LOW 58°

FRIDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly cloudy with showers possible.

HIGH 75° LOW 55°

SATURDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny and seasonable.

HIGH 78° LOW 55°

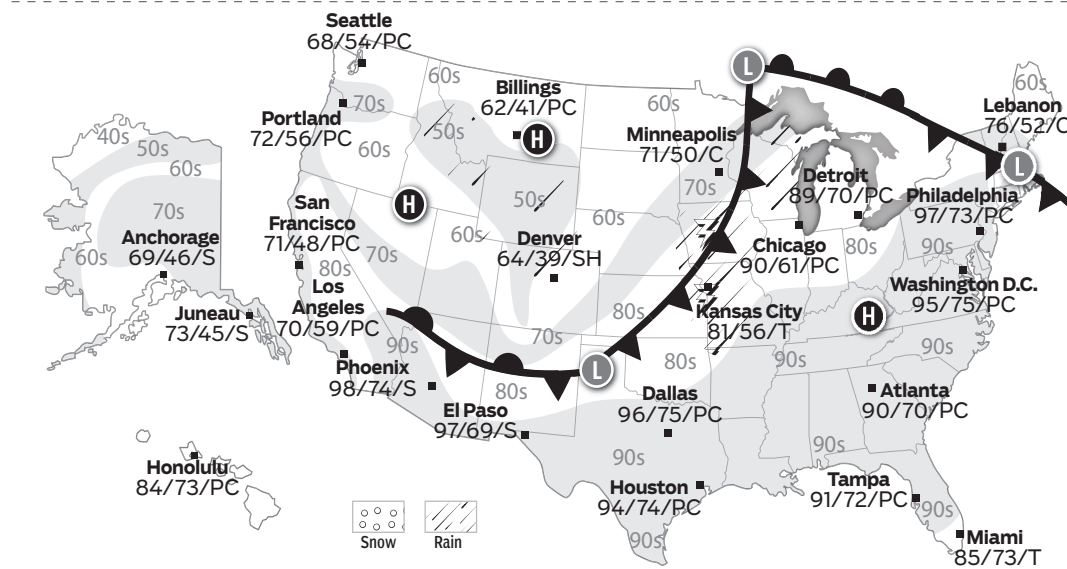
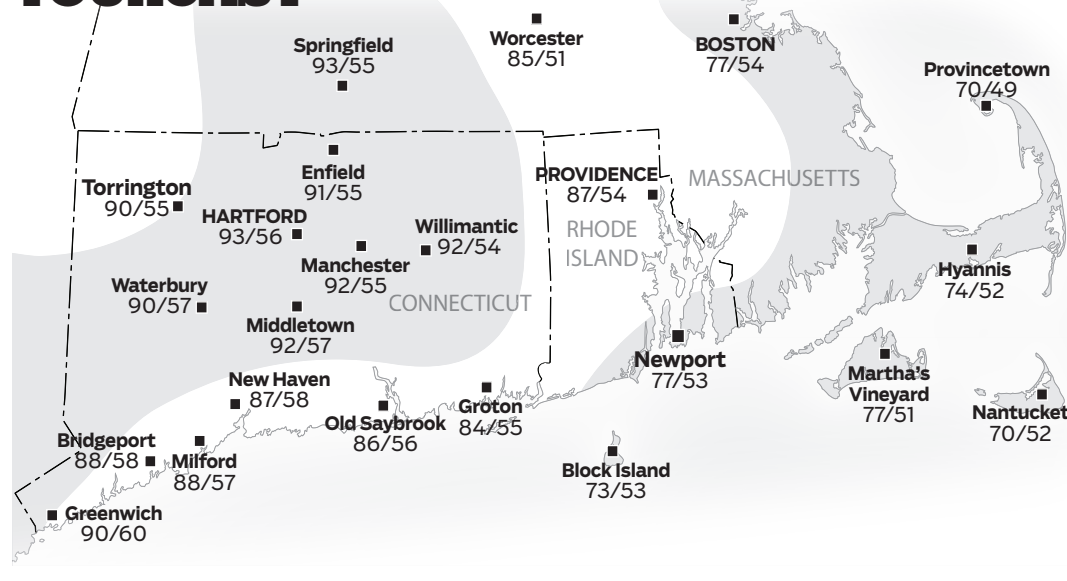
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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

High pressure will bring partly to mostly sunny skies on Tuesday. It will be hot and moderately humid with high temperatures in the 80s and the 90s, while the dew points will be in the low to mid-60s in the morning, but as the day progresses, they should drop into the mid to upper 50s. A backdoor cold front will bring cooler temperatures and comfortable humidity levels overnight. The cold front will lift back northward on Wednesday as a warm front causing considerable cloudiness and the chance for some afternoon showers and possibly a thunderstorm. It will be a seasonably cool day.

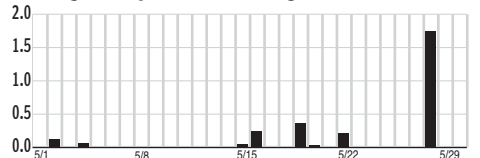
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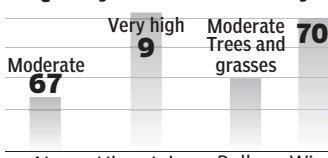
Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00 0.13
Month to date	2.88 3.65
Total this year	17.58 17.75

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	10:56 a.m.	5:13 a.m.	66°
Saybrook Jetty	11:07 p.m.	5:02 p.m.	
Connecticut River at Portland	12:07 p.m.	5:55 p.m.	
Madison	2:19 a.m.	9:52 a.m.	
New Haven	2:50 p.m.	9:41 p.m.	
Stamford	a.m.	6:18 a.m.	66°
	12:31 p.m.	6:22 p.m.	
	12:16 a.m.	6:42 a.m.	68°
	12:51 p.m.	6:46 p.m.	
	12:20 a.m.	6:56 a.m.	64°
	12:55 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	

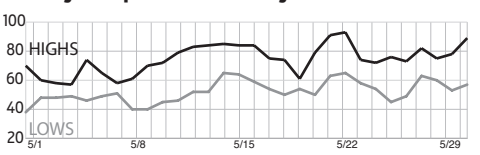
River Stage at Hartford: 3.13 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating	W	L	Sound W	P	Sound E	P	Sound
Weather	W	5-15	W/S	5-15	W/SE	5-15	
Seas	1 ft.		1 ft.		2-3 ft.		

Temperature	High	Low
Monday	89 at 2:25 p.m.	57 at 5:09 a.m.
Normal for date	75	53
Record for date	93 in 1987	37 in 1961
A year ago	50	46
Range this year	93	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - May 30	5308	5846	5408

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.12 at 9 a.m.	29.98 at 6 p.m.
Dew point	60° at 11 a.m.	55° at 12 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor	66 40 PC
Burlington	74 53 PC
Caribou	63 39 S
Concord	70 50 C
Montpelier	76 50 PC
Mt. Wash.	47 36 C
Portland	58 45 C
Woods Hole	75 50 PC

NATION

Albany	90 60 PC
Albuquerque	85 60 PC
Atlantic City	94 67 S

WORLD

Nashville	91 68 S
New Orleans	89 73 PC
New York	94 66 S
Oklahoma City	87 65 PC
Omaha	91 70 PC
Orlando	89 66 PC
Pittsburgh	93 67 S
Raleigh	92 69 PC
St. Louis	64 44 PC
Salt Lake City	97 76 PC
San Antonio	71 61 PC
San Diego	77 77 PC
Tucson	98 67 S

WORLD

Amsterdam	64 48 SH
Athens	90 72 S
Bangkok	94 79 SH
Barbados	83 75 PC
Beijing	97 66 S
Beirut	77 68 S
Berlin	70 51 PC
Bermuda	78 73 PC
Buenos Aires	54 40 PC
Cairo	101 68 S
Cancun	85 76 SH
Dubai	103 83 S
Edinburgh	57 47 SH
Helsinki	61 51 SH
Hong Kong	84 76 SH
Istanbul	82 63 S
Jerusalem	82 60 S
Johannesburg	59 32 S
Kingston	89 75 PC
Lisbon	74 63 PC
London	65 46 SH
Madrid	87 61 S
Mexico City	81 55 SH
Milan	76 58 PC
Montreal	66 56 C
Moscow	74 59 C
Nassau	81 77 SH
New Delhi	113 89 S
Paris	73 48 PC
Prague	75 52 PC
Rio de Janeiro	77 72 SH
Rome	85 64 PC
Seoul	83 60 PC
Singapore	89 79 SH
Stockholm	57 49 SH
Sydney	57 48 S
Tel Aviv	79 66 S
Tokyo	81 66 PC
Toronto	80 66 PC
Vancouver	67 54 SH
Warsaw	69 54 PC

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The Celtics' Marcus Smart celebrates after defeating the Heat in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals at FTX Arena on Sunday in Miami. NANCY LANE/BOSTON HERALD

Celtics

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know that, hey, I'm not taking no slack, and if you don't like it, then you can get up out of here, and that's the type of group we are. We don't want to be babied. We're grown men, we're professionals and we want to be treated like that, and he comes in and he does that, and that helps us a lot."

And some of the so-called "outside noise" may have actually helped these Celtics grow.

"Yeah, I think all of those things

helped, from saying that we need to split the group up, get rid of somebody or me and JB can't play together, that fueled us to figure it out and not run from it," said Tatum. "Obviously I'm going to be here for awhile, and that we trust in each other, and we had to be better. So yeah, I think instead of separating, we became closer, and I think it's shown throughout the season."

And now they've survived long enough to make the first NBA Finals appearance by a Celtics team in 12 years.

"This wasn't the goal all season, right?" Tatum said of the confer-

ence finals, his third in five years. "That was just a step in getting where we want to get to. Obviously this is a big accomplishment. We haven't been to the championship yet. I think it's all right to be proud of ourselves today and enjoy this. We're not satisfied. We know we've still got a long way to go. But I think it's all right to enjoy this tonight and be happy because it's hard. It's not easy — clearly this is my first time being in the championship. It is not easy. We know we have a tough task ahead. They've been there many a times, they've won many a times. I'm looking forward to it."

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midway through the third quarter of the championship game. The Terps once led 9-2 and led by five goals at the half and six after three quarters on their way to becoming the first national champion to go undefeated since Virginia in 2006.

Maryland accomplished several missions this spring. The Terps avenged last year's 17-16 championship game loss to Virginia played here last season and have won 35 of their last 36 games. Since the middle of the season, Maryland has been compared with two great teams, both unbeaten: the 1990 Syracuse squad and the 2006 Virginia Cavaliers. The championship is the fourth in Terps history.

"All I wanted to do was see these kids not crying this year," Maryland coach John Tillman said. "Last year, to see the tears, I feel so bad for guys like Nick Grill or Jared Bernhardt and all the seniors last year that didn't get this chance. Our guys

were focused all year long, and I give them a lot of credit.

"It's nice to see guys smiling at the end considering where we were 364 days ago. We had so many guys working together, so many guys willing to sacrifice. We expected it to be hard, and we kind of hung on, kind of grinded it out. But I am happy for our state, our program and our school."

It's actually hard to say if the 1990 Orange squad that averaged nearly 21 goals per game, the 17-0 Cavaliers from 2006 or this downright dominating Terps is the greatest, but there could be no conversations until Maryland won the national championship.

Well, let the conversations begin.

Current Maryland players like attackman Logan Wisnauskas, midfielder Anthony DeMaio, defensemen Brett Makar, Ajax Zappitello and goalie Logan McNaney have cemented their legacies with players from other great teams. The win also erased some bad memories for Tillman, who won a national title in 2017 but

lost five other championship games since becoming head coach in 2011.

Cornell has now lost five straight championship games and hasn't won a national title since legendary former coach Richie Moran, a Terps standout who died in April at age 85, led the program to its second straight undefeated season in 1977. The Big Red, however, peaked in the postseason and were expected to provide Maryland a stiff challenge, especially after defeating Rutgers, 17-10, in the semifinals, but Maryland shut down their offense for most of the game.

Wisnauskas had two goals and two and two assists and finished with 103 points for the season, breaking the Terps' record of 99 set by Bernhardt last season. DeMaio finished with four goals and an assist for Maryland, which had assists on all nine goals. McNaney had 17 saves, including 10 in the first half and a pair late to keep Cornell from making the score any closer than two. He was named the tournament's most outstanding player.

TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
First Round at higher seeds

SOFTBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
First Round at higher seeds

GIRLS LACROSSE

CIAC State Tournaments
First Round at higher seeds

BOYS GOLF

Shoreline: Old Saybrook at Portland, 2:30 p.m.; Haddam-Killingworth at North Branford, 3p.m.
Others: University at Shelton, 2p.m.; East Catholic, Killingly at NFA, 3p.m.; Morgan at Waterford, 3p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

CCC: CCC Championship (Tunxis Plantation CC, Farmington), 9a.m.
ECB: Bacon Academy, East Lyme, Waterford, Woodstock Academy at NFA, 1p.m.
Others: Cheshire at Canton, 3p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

CIAC State Tournaments
Class S Championship (Willow Brook Park, New Britain), 10a.m.
Class LL Championship (Willow Brook Park, New Britain), 4p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

CIAC State Tournaments
First Round at higher seeds

GIRLS TENNIS

CIAC State Tournaments
First Round at higher seeds

WEDNESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Second Round at higher seeds

SOFTBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Second Round at higher seeds

BOYS LACROSSE

CIAC State Tournaments
First Round at higher seeds

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
First Round at higher seeds

BOYS GOLF

NCCC: NCCC Championship (Tallwood CC, Hebron), 8:30a.m.
SCC: SCC Championship (The Farms CC, Wallingford), 8a.m.
ECB: Windham/Parish Hill at Montville, 3 p.m.
Others: NFA at Valley Regional, 3:30p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

CCC: Northwest Catholic at Avon, 3p.m.
SCC: Lauralton Hall at Cheshire, 3p.m.
Others: Suffield at East Catholic, 2p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L Championship (Willow Brook Park, New Britain), 10a.m.
Class MM Championship (Willow Brook Park, New Britain), 4p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

CIAC State Tournaments
Quarterfinals at higher seeds

GIRLS TENNIS

CIAC State Tournaments
Quarterfinals at higher seeds

FRIDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

NCAA Div. I Tourney—Maryland Regional (Double Elimination)
UConn vs. Wake Forest, 1p.m.
NCAA Div. III Tourney—Finals (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)
Bracket Play (Double Elimination)
Baldwin Wallace vs. Eastern, 5:30p.m.

MEN'S ROWING

Trinity, Yale at IRA National Championship (West Windsor, N.J.), 8a.m.

SATURDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

NCAA Div. I Tourney—Maryland Regional (Double Elimination)
UConn vs. TBD, time TBD
NCAA Div. III Tourney—Finals (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)
Bracket Play (Double Elimination)
Eastern vs. TBD, time TBD

MEN'S ROWING

Trinity, Yale at IRA National Championship (West Windsor, N.J.), 8a.m.

SUNDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

MEN'S ROWING

Trinity, Yale at IRA National Championship (West Windsor, N.J.), 8a.m.

EASTERN LEAGUE

Standings	W	L	PCT	GB
Northeast	29	15	.659	—
Somerset	28	17	.622	1.5
Hartford	22	23	.489	7.5
Portland	19	25	.432	10
New Hampshire	19	26	.422	10.5
Reading	16	28	.364	13
Binghamton	16	28	.364	13
Southwest	27	18	.600	—
Akron	25	20	.556	2
Erie	24	21	.533	3
Richmond	22	23	.489	5
Altoona	20	24	.455	6.5
Harrisburg	16	27	.372	10
Bowie				

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Harrisburg at Erie, 11a.m.
Bowie at Altoona, 6p.m.
Portland at New Hampshire, 6:30p.m.
Richmond at Akron, 6:30p.m.
Reading at Hartford, 7p.m.

WNBA

Standings	W	L	PCT	GB
Eastern	6	2	.750	—
Connecticut	5	3	.625	0.5
Washington	4	3	.571	1.5
Atlanta	3	7	.300	4
Chicago	1	7	.125	5
Indiana	1	7	.125	5
New York	1	7	.125	5
Western	W	L	PCT	GB
Las Vegas	8	1	.889	—
Dallas	5	3	.625	2.5
Seattle	5	3	.625	2.5
Los Angeles	4	6	.400	4.5
Phoenix	2	6	.250	5.5
Minnesota	2	7	.222	6

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High school tournaments

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